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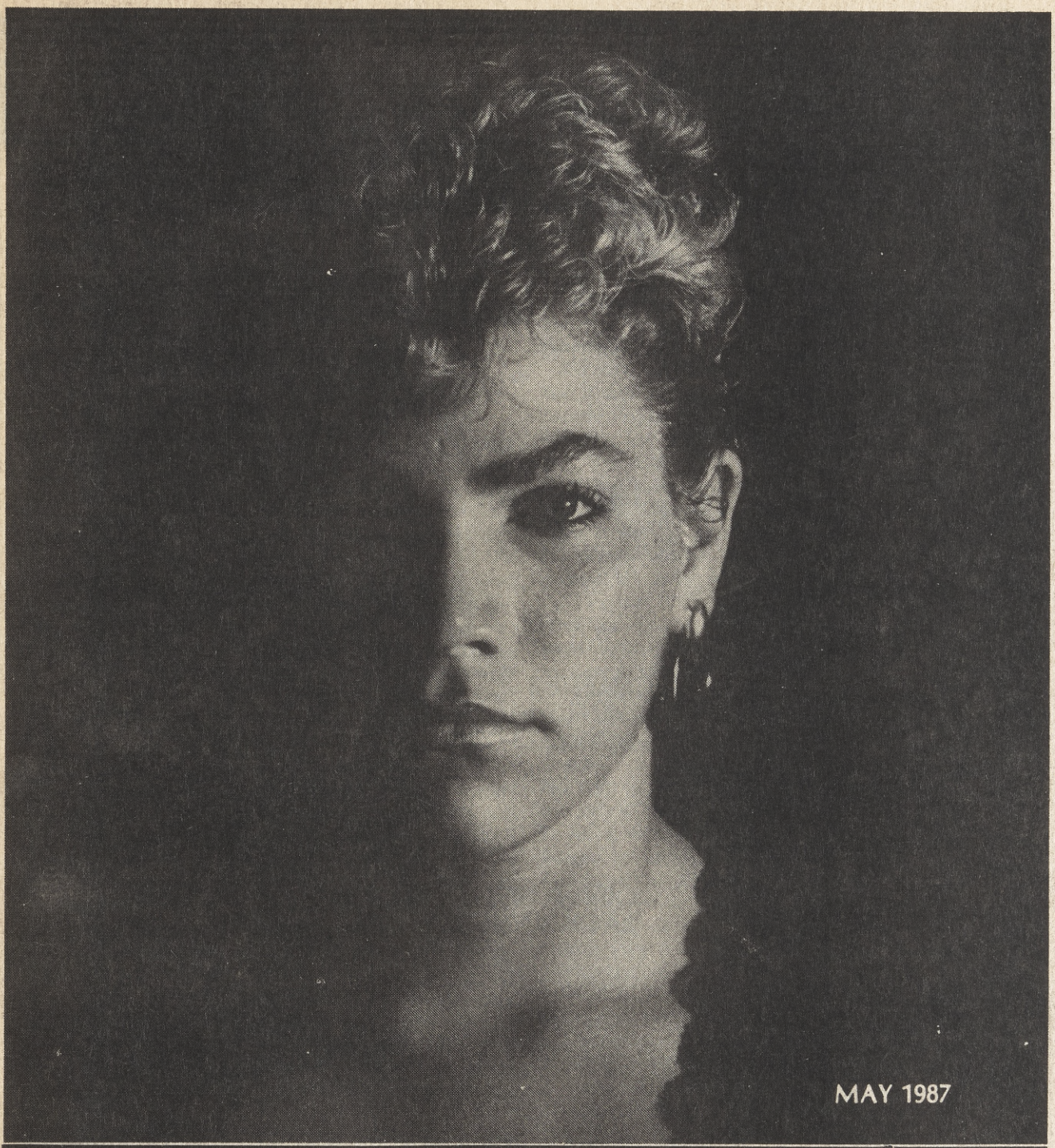

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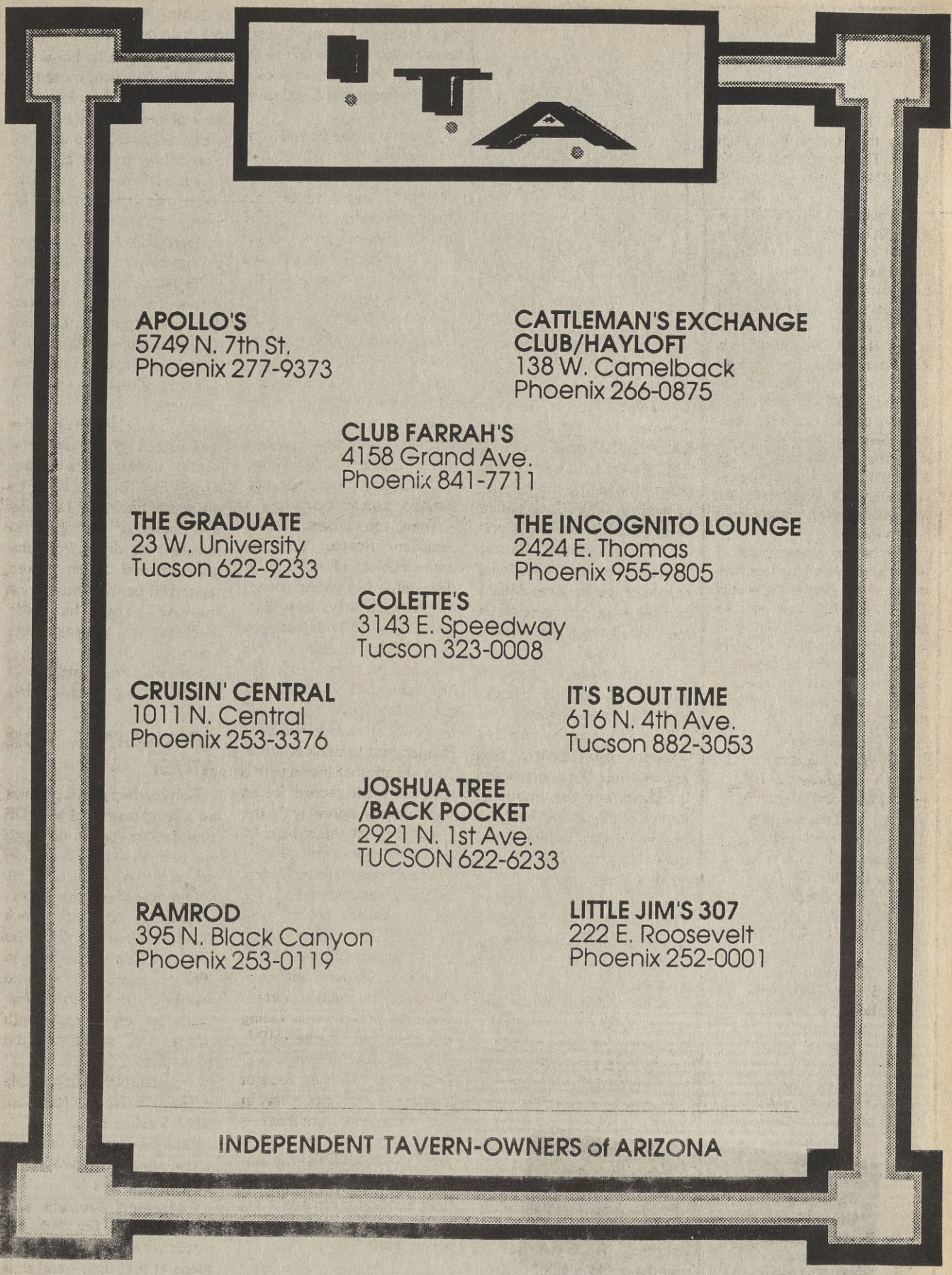

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A Roll to Remember

by Ann Muller

"Role in AIDS Battle is Sought for Reagan," a recent headline revealed. (George de Lama, ***Chicago Tribune***, 26 March 1987.) "Reagan has been wary about speaking out on the subject (of AIDS)," explained Reagan's chief domestic policy adviser Gary Bauer, "because of the emotional nature of the national debate and because of unanswered questions about the disease and its causes."

I understand that. A woman I know, a woman whose son lost his battle with AIDS, has also avoided speaking out publicly. She knows about the unanswered questions and the emotional nature of the illness that took her son's life. Unlike President Reagan, though, this mother knew her part. She took an extended leave of absence from her job, came half way across the country, and took care of her son until he died.

A second reason for Reagan's silence on AIDS, according to the newspaper, is a presidential concern for the unreliability of condoms. Bauer noted that, "By some estimates, condoms have up to a 10 percent failure rate, calling into question the morality and wisdom of the President's advocating their usage as a safeguard against contracting AIDS...A lot of deaths could result."

I understand the President's concern for the deaths that might result from 10 percent torn rubbers. I also understand that his failure to advocate their use overlooks the 90 percent that could save lives.

"Adding to the President's reticence on the AIDS issue," the article continued, "Bauer admitted Reagan might find the entire subject a bit distasteful. 'I'm not comfortable discussing anal intercourse, are you?' Bauer asked the reporters."

I'm sure Mr. Reagan does find it difficult to talk about certain realities, perhaps including the reality of anal sex. This is the same man, after all, who told reporters a year or so after his surgery for colon cancer that he'd never had cancer. All he had, he insisted, was an incision.

Then, too, others besides President Reagan find the entire subject of AIDS a bit distasteful. My young friend, for instance, who was diagnosed at age 20 finds it hard to *say*, "AIDS"; he calls it, "this disease." Another friend, who has been told by his doctor that he's a "good candidate" for AIDS, tries, like President Reagan, not to think about it. And yet another friend with a spotless work record would undoubtedly agree with the President that the subject of AIDS is disagreeable. After a ten-day hospitalization, he lost his job and adequate insurance coverage not because he had AIDS but because his employer thought he did.

"AIDS," Bauer continued, "is one of the most important domestic policy issues facing this country." I agree. AIDS, after all, threatens my child, and, to me, that's an issue of high domestic importance. In fact, it's so important that I've been fighting an urge to go to New York and bring my son home. I've had to stop myself from sending Jason a greeting card I saw that read, "Please come home."

I know better, of course. I know that Jason doesn't want to return to the suburb that was once his home, the same suburb that is also home to the Billy Graham museum. What it is that makes me think of spiriting him home, I finally realized, is my wish to *protect* him, to take all of us back to a less scary time when Jason was little and safe at home.

Meanwhile, President Reagan has chosen his role in the AIDS battle. After six years of presidential attention to Star Wars and Spy Wars and after six years of virtual silence on AIDS, the President and his advisors finally framed a comment.

Did he acknowledge the families and loved ones of the 30,000 already dead from AIDS? Did he offer hope to those still alive that he'd use the power of his office to release new drugs from the governmental tangle of red tape? Did he offer assurance that AZT would be made available at a reasonable price?

No. He talked instead of something he called moral values.

ORANGING FOR AIDS!

Bob Starkey plants poppies as a living memorial to AIDS victims. He started doing so last year when he reflected on the fact that eighteen of his friends had died from AIDS.

Starkey, 38, has always loved wildflowers. When he moved to San Francisco in 1982, the lot next to his home was filled with brilliant orange California poppies mixed with weeds. The weeds had the advantage.

"So I started pulling weeds to make room for the poppies," Starkey says.

Now he wanted to make a gesture and he mentioned his idea to his sister.

That same day, she sent him a check for $40—the retail cost of a pound of poppy seeds at that time—and thus began the Oranging of San Francisco.

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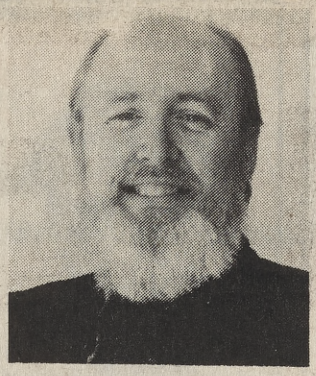

MONEY! MONEY!! MONEY!!!

by Jerry Sloan

FLASH! As we go to press, I've just learned that the Rev. Jerry Falwell and the new Priase The Lord (PTL) board has just banished Jim Bakker and his top deputies from the ministry and cut off payments to Jessica Hahn, the former church secretary who tricked with Bakker for about fifteen minutes seven years ago! Falwell acknowledged that PTL's money, not Bakker's personal funds, had been used to hush up the lurid, sordid carryings-on which Bakker had admitted to.)

"Money, money, money makes the world go round, the world go round." These words from the popular musical, ***Cabaret***, seem to sum up what the world of televangelism is all about. These words certainly sum up what the so-called "Holy War" or "Pearlygate" or "Gospelgate" is all about as the leading TV ministers have been at each other's throats with charges and countercharges of sex and sin.

The international media have been having a field day ever since: (1) The Rev. Oral Roberts announced that God (or was it Goddess?) was going to call him home to his reward, such as it may be, if he didn't raise $8 million for medical missions, and (2) Rev. Jim Bakker of the PTL (Pass The Loot?) Club resigned amid charges of adultry and blackmail.

The Rev. Jimmy Swaggart, a raving homophobe, called the Bakkers, "A cancer on the body of Christ," and the PTL Club a "soap opera."

The Bakkers' soap opera started in the late 1970s when they left the staff of the Rev. Pat Robertson's 700 Club to branch out into their own TV ministry.

Gospelgate has caused the Rev. Robertson, an ordained Southern Baptist minister and Republican presidential hopeful, to announce that he is not an evangelist but merely a TV commentator. Also, if elected President, he might resign his ordination in order to be President Of All The People. Wow!

Well anyway, Jim Bakker took literally the command of Jesus to go into the uttermost parts of the world and preach the gospel. He went to Ft. Mill, S.C. and started Heritage, USA. And, when Jesus asked, "Did you give me shelter?", Jim Bakker built the Heritage Grand Hotel.

Heritage, USA has over 6 million visitors each year who visit the Disneyland style biblical theme park and buy up a hodge-podge of Christian (?) souvenirs including a line of Tammy Faye Cosmetics and pantyhose.

The Heritage Grand is operated on a time-share basis. For $100, you can get a 3-day and 2-nite stay in the hotel for the rest of your life. It is a plan that appeals to the Christian yuppie. Of course, if you give more money, you can get optional pluses to your plan.

For many years the Bakkers have survived severe investigations by the FCC and the Charlotte, S.C. Observer for not using funds for the purposes for which they were solicited. They have moved from financial crisis to financial crisis involving the PTL. And apparently they surivived a 1980 rift in their marriage.

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Coming Out At Work: A Dynamic Process

by Stephen Dolainski and Stephen Husa

My lover and I go to the corporate Christmas dance. Everyone knows we are gay. Do we dance at the party? No. We don't want to cause discomfort.

Sound familiar? The example is given by Dr. Marny Hall, a psychologist in San Francisco, who has researched and written about the coming-out experience of lesbians in the corporate environment. Dr. Hall is also the author of ***The Lavendar Couch, A Consumer's Guide to Psychotherapy for Lesbians and Gay Men.***

Single Event vs. Ongoing Process

Dr. Hall's example illustrates a common type of situation many openly gay people experience at work. The reason these situations occur, according to Dr. Hall, is that the decisions many gay people make subsequent to their coming out are not consistent with the initial coming out. And that is why coming out needs to be seen as an ongoing process rather than as a completed, single event.

Dr. Hall believes that even the term "coming out" is misleading and does not accurately describe most people's experience in the workplace. "Informatin management" is the term Dr. Hall uses to more accurately describe what takes place. "(If) another person is in on the secret," says Dr. Hall, "not only does (the gay person) have to manager her own secret, she has to manage someone else who knows her secret. It's not nearly as clear cut as the phrase 'coming out' implies.

"It's not as if someone makes an announcement and that's the end of it. Even people who make clear announcements will turn around and find themselves evading afterwards: Everyone in their department knows they're gay. Yet, they'll be in a conversation in which the other people are talking about their spouses, and they won't 'derail' the conversation by talking about their lover. So, even after they had 'come out,' they went back in," says Dr. Hall.

Dr. Hall has observed that people who make statements have myriad decisions to make daily about how visible they're going to be, how much social awkwardness they're going to risk. Do they dance with their lovers at the corporate Christmas party? Do they invite their girlfriends to the company picnic? Where do they draw the line at giving out or withholding information? *Understanding the Process*

There is an alternative to making statements, Dr. Hall suggests, and that is to stop certain evasive behaviors. This alternative requires, of course, an ongoing effort. Difficult as it may be to make decisions that are consistent with the initial coming out, Dr. Hall believes the effort iw worth it. In the long run, self-esteem is enhaced and the stress of constant "information management" is reduced.

"I think if you simply talk about yourself and your experience every day in a very natural, normal way, you can avoid being tokenized and forcing invisibility on yourself. It's simply about being (who you are), saying the things you would normally censor, being ordinary, nothing more and nothing less.

"A co-worker could come up to you and say, 'I'm having a barbecue with my wife this weekend. What are you doing?,' and your response could be, 'Well, I'm going camping with my partner, Jane.'"

By being yourself—in an uncensored, spontaneous manner—you may be able to deal more effectively with uni-

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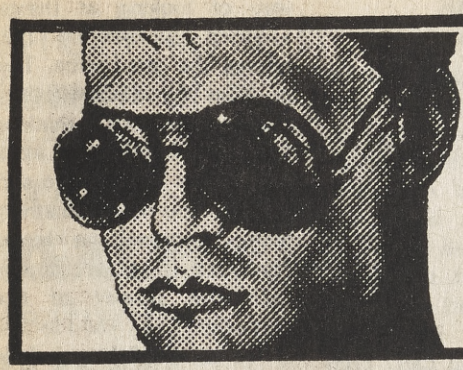

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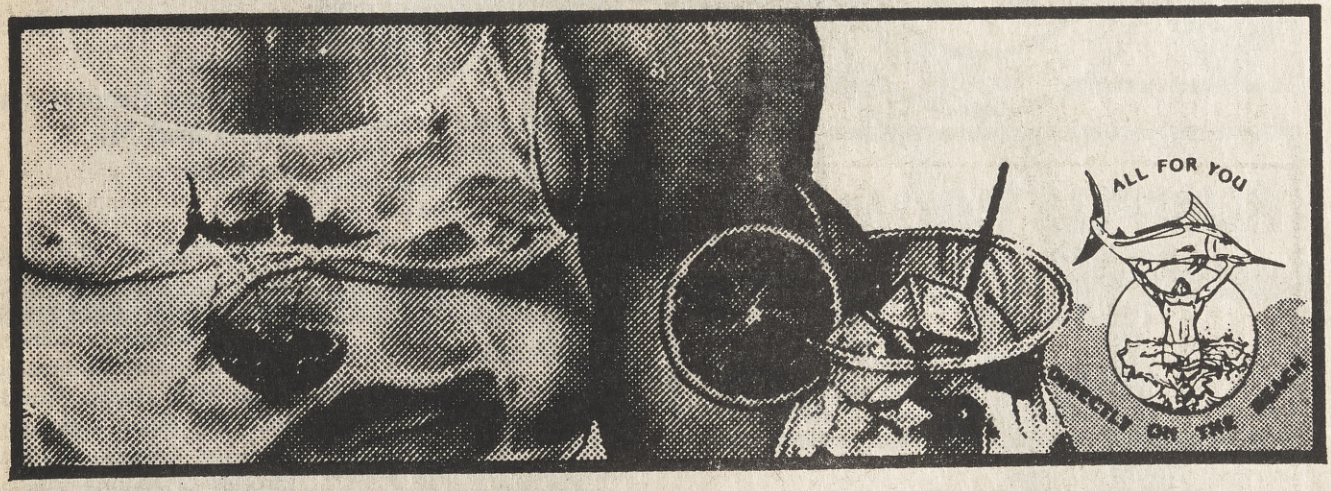

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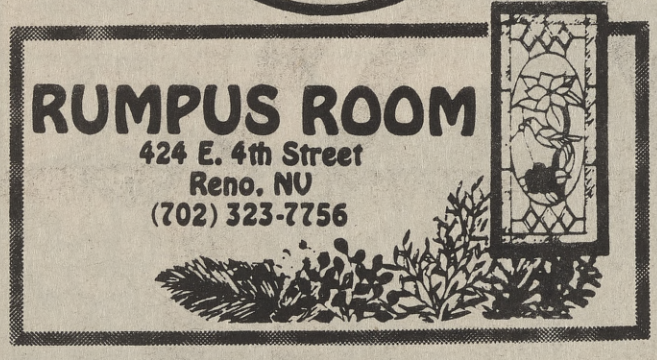

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que circumstances that can come up in today's business world. With company-sponsored health programs and social and community activities, the boundaries between job and private life become blurred, making the job a greater part of your life.

"Because of the blurred boundaries, you can't completely separate your work life from your home life," says Dr. Hall. "People I have talked to have had to go out of town for training, staying in a motel with their heterosexual colleagues for weeks. The strain of concealing yourself under those conditions is enormous."

Nevertheless, the decision to "be yourself" has consequences to consider as well as fears and hurdles to surmount, such as loss of position, status, money and professional regard. You shouldn't underestimate the potential difficulties. Dr. Hall advises, "Maybe you won't lose anything, but you have to prepare yourself. You have to be willing to say 'OK, I can live with these losses."

Finding Support

Being who you are in the face of prejudice and misconception calls for a positive self-image and a strong support network. Relationships that make you feel good about yourself and that offer advice and understanding will help you through the coming-out process.

Dr. Hall thinks you should be able to find that support in the gay community. "Being well grounded in a gay support network is absolutely essential. The support system should have many facets: friends, a spiritual aspect, some meaningful connection, an identification.

"I'm not talking about going to the bars once a week," she emphasizes. "That's not what I mean when I say a gay support network.

"You need to have another way of looking at things, another perspective that affirms the gay choice. This provides you with a reference point, a little oasis of thinking while you're in the the work world. This is critical to self-esteem. You need something beyond yourself, a larger community that can compete with the power of the corporation.

"You do small things in little ways each day," says Dr. Hall. "It's stamina, not the statement, that will make the difference."

National AIDS Network Releases Report on AIDS and Minorities

The National AIDS Network has released its report entitled "AIDS Education and Support Services to Minorities: A Survey of Community Based AIDS Service Providers." The report was compiled by Gilberto Gerald, Director of Minority Affairs for the National AIDS Network.

"Minorities with AIDS are victims of a health-care system that has always put minorities at a great disadvantage, as documented in the federal government's Report of the Secretary's Task Force on Black and Minority Health (Jan. '86). This creates a very bleak picture for the future of the minority community with respect to the AIDS crisis," says Mr. Gerald. "A black women is thirteen times more likely than a white woman to contact AIDS. There is a desperate need for risk-reduction information targeted at minority communities."

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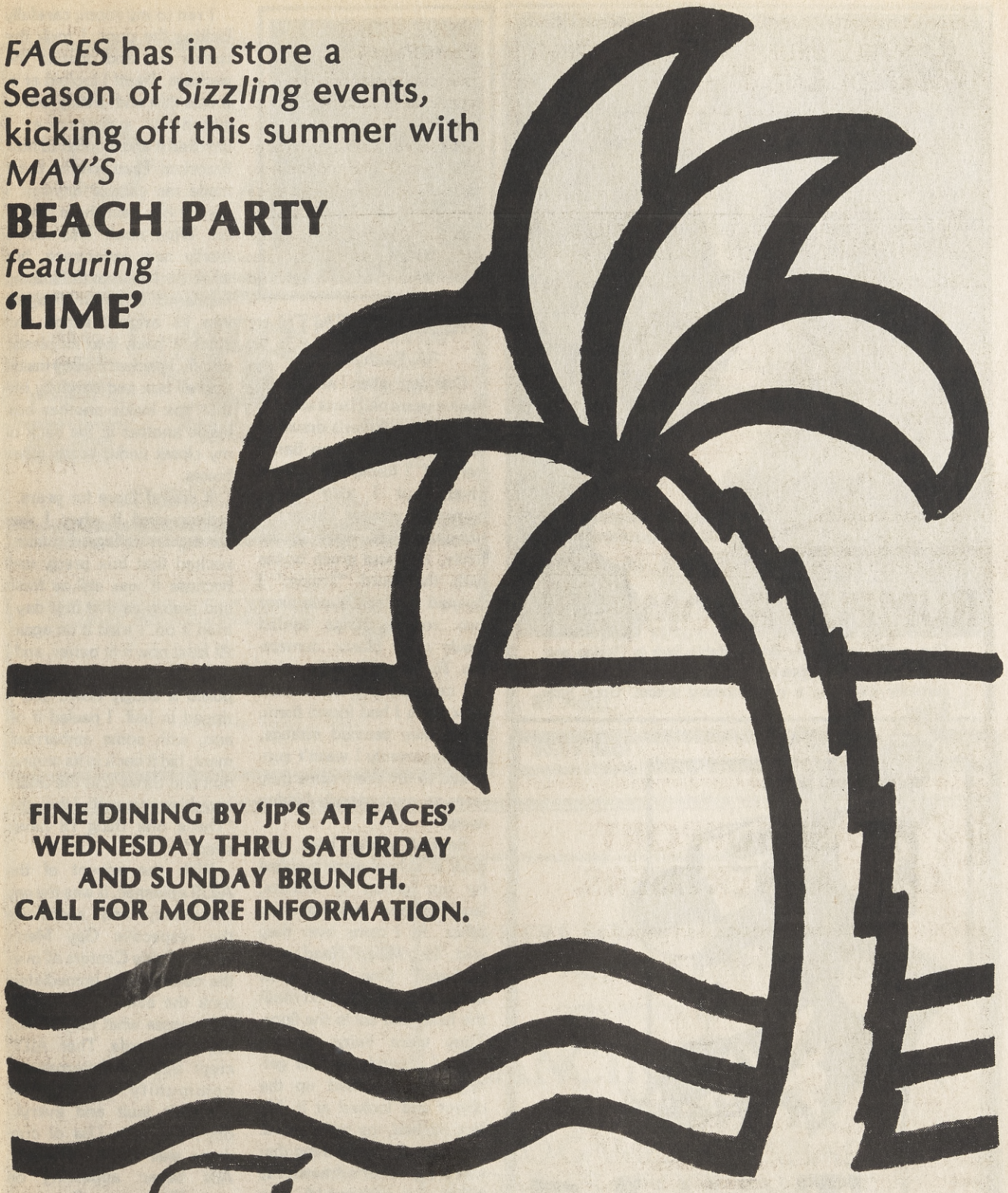

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by Keith Miller

One day, when I was about twelve years old, I was looking through my father's drawers, searching for a clean handkerchief. I found a handkerchief, but I also found something strange. Under the handkerchiefs were these white, red, and green boxes with the word "Trojan." I opened one and inside were two round things sealed inside clear plastic containers. They looked really weird.

I carefully put them back exactly as I had found them, since they seemed strange, and apparently I wasn't supposed to see them since they were so mysteriously hidden away.

Several weeks later, the guys at school were huddled by our group of lockers, laughing and pushing each other. As I came over they said, "Hey Miller!" Need some rubbers?" One guy threw something at me that hit me in the head and fell to the floor. They were being passed around. Everybody was getting one. I picked up the object and looked at it. My face flushed, my mind raced. This was the same thing that was in my father's drawer! My father uses rubbers! My mon and dad (gulp)...geeze!

The revelation was too much. The first chance I got, I sneaked back into my parents' room and looked at the boxes again. I nabbed one because there were so many in there I figured it would never be missed. (Wow, mom and dad must do it a lot!)

I ran to my room, carefully locking the door. I took the rubber out and opened the package. Neat! I looked at it. It was thin and greasy with a powdery substance. I unrolled it and wondered how it worked. I had no idea, but it made me excited anyway. I tried it on. I sat there with it on. What now? This was a totally new experience, but what do I do next? Nothing happened. I rolled it off, again into its original shape and stuck it back into its plastic pouch. I packed it away inside a small box and carefully hid that box inside another box inside another in the back of my closet under some other boxes.

It stayed there for years. I rediscovered it when I was leaving for college. I guess I packed that box pretty well because it was still as fresh and greasy as that first day I tried it on. I tried it on again. At least now it fit better, and I understood what it was for. I pulled it snugly down and it ripped in half. I peeled it off and, with some embarrassment, hid it back in its original box and threw it in the trash. Laughing to myself, I thought, "That's one thing I'll never need."

With the advent of the AIDS epidemic, it was the gay community and specificaly the respective Gay Men's Health Crisis Centers all over the country that immediately took the initiative to inform the masses what they should do to stay safe. Then AIDS crept into the heterosexual community. It became nobody's fault and everybody's problem. Use of condoms was on the increase. Ads began appearing on some TV stations. Conservative Americans were shocked.

Many people argued that they did not want their children to see these ads, especially at dinner time. And yet, at dinner time on any given

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night you can turn on the boob tube and see scantily-clad girl singers humping their microphones; night-time soap actors writhing in front of the fireplace with someone other than their current husband or wife; people being stabbed, shot, blown up, and run down by fast cars driven by designer detectives; and in between, dinner-time commercials for hemorroids and douche. But a condom on TV?! GASP! Even if it's just a 10-second spot that is simply saying "Use a condom and save your life." Most only mention *the word* and don't even show the product! It's certainly more acceptable than getting a computer-generated cross section of the latest panty shields! But, alas, this seems too much for Mr. and Mrs. General Public to digest along with their meatloaf.

One staunch argument stems from the Church's point of view that the use of condoms promotes sex out of wedlock. That it makes it OK to go ahead and have anonymous sex. The whole thing makes my head spin. As if anyone believes that teenagers or adults are going to stop having sex. As if teenage boys and girls don't know what a condom is or is for. True, they may need a few lessons in how to use it and the importance of its protection, but they also need to know that it's OK to go to the drug store, buy them and use them if they choose to have sex. It's as if condoms are a brand new thing recently introduced into mainstream culture. Louis XIV ordered a few dozen of them in his time. They have been around for hundreds of years! Why are they so taboo?

Thank God the gay community can see clearly to take action where action is needed. To realize the human condition and act accordingly. To see the truth in people's minds and respond to that truth. It is a true and loving outreach from the gay community to all of the communities of man—no discrimination, no punishment, no embarrassment, no guilt. End of speech. Praise the Lord and pass the sheepskin.

FAUX PAS!

by Edwards E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

I don't have all the facts, but I think an acquaintance of mine has AIDS. Since I don't have any hard and fast proof (only rumors and circumstantial evidence), should I mention this to friends and other acquaintances when this gentleman comes on to them? I wouldn't want to risk this gentleman's reputation, but then I wouldn't want to risk my friends' lives either should they fall victim to this hunky gentleman's charms.

Ever,
Morey

Dear Morey,

Haven't you answered your own question? Wouldn't you mention it to your frends if you thought they were going to go home with someone you thought was a hustler or an ax murderer? A gentleman must protect his friends as best he can. By all means mention your suspicions to your friends, but do it discreetly, of course.

Dear Kett,

A gentleman friend of mine and I are having a dispute. Is a gentleman showing a big, well-defined basket asking to be picked up, or is he just asking to be admired from afar?

Always,
Jason

Dear Jason,

Obviously you're not a size queen. A gentleman displaying all of his charms is either not clothes conscious, or else is extremely clothes conscious and looking for adventure whatever comes his way.

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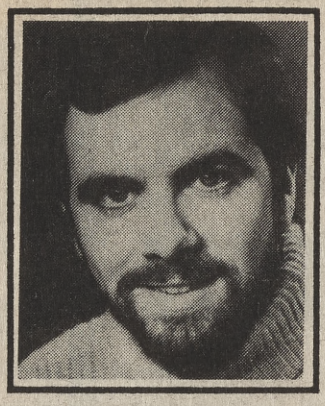

THE NEXT WAVE:

The Twenty-First Century

by Douglas N. Lewis

Much has been written about the cataclysmic turn of the century. Many have prophesied the end of the world, nuclear destruction and the total annihilation of life on earth. Others have predicted the coming of angels, a thousand-year peace and so on. I think this turn of the century will be a decidedly left turn for those of us who are anxious for change—radical change, far-sweeping change. In ways we can barely comprehend but can still feel moving down deep in our souls, we can sense the goodness, the rightness of man being born. It's no coincidence that there is a massive trend toward spirituality and unity going on in the world. This New Age, the Age of Aquarius, is dawning and with this cosmic morning will come the end of the present night of ignorance, this midnight black of non-knowing.

On the personal level, within the heart of each of us, we are moving toward the recognition of our truest selves. Whether that be in spirit, in art, in science, or philosophy depends upon the natural inclination of each individual. But the change will happen in every facet of our existence. Talent will blossom into this Age of Light. It will be nurtured from within as much as from without. Light as a form of awakening will create itself within our souls just as light from without creates itself in the crashing of atoms in our sun. Talent will be channeled so as to benefit all—not just the few who can afford it. Concepts like afford, spend, buy and money will no longer be necessary in a world SHARED by all of its inhabitants. The brotherhood goal of every religion on earth will finally rain down upon the world and shower us all with the dew of doing. And what will we be doing? The absolute BEST for our lives. For the life of our planet and future. For the life of LIFE! This spiritual awakening will bring about the nourishment of ALL. Peace, love, and understanding will cease to be cliches—they will become a way of life.

We are coming together as a race and a planet. The faster our technology closes the distance between us, the more we see and understand our connection to all that we share on this planet. We are not on this earth to use up all of her beauty in a mad race for profits. We are here to learn the lessons our spirits must understand in order to advance beyond this moment. We are here to give to the earth and to each other, not to play selfishness incarnate. Down deep in our souls we know these things to be true. This New Age is standing astride the border of this century, waiting to take that first step to freedom—REAL freedom. Not just freedom from outward oppression , but more importantly, freedom from inward ignorance. Freedom, Liberty. Without inner peace and the peace of nations, these hold no lasting value to the face and cannot be propagated.

Be ready to take a stand for change that's coming—the second coming of mankind. I believe that this is what Christ meant by his second coming—the rebirth and lifting up of man over death and destruction. We came out of the trees in a magical step of advancement that we are still astounded by. We want to believe that we are somehow beyond nature because we can sometimes control it. Could it be that we actually took a step away from higher consciousness by being made capable of destruction for selfish benefit? Maybe this next step will be back to the simplicity of life. Stepping back to step forward. In our egotism, our search for identity, we believe we have lifted ourselves above the animals, above all life, and yet we are the creatures most unwilling to follow the flow of life's ongoing, all-knowing river. And because of our vanity, we are the most likely to drown in it if we are not made aware.

And what will bring us away from this precipice? What will bring about the positive apocalypse of Light and Love for all things? We will, of course. All this will come from the very attraction that binds us to each other and to life—our spirits and our souls. Many of us feel the beginning of awakening, this sleeping giant of truth that will shake its wondrous head and will rise in the most beautiful of mornings. All we must do is IMAGINE and live our imaginings. DREAM of lives in perfect balance and harmony and live those dreams. VISUALIZE a world not destroyed by greed and want of power, but a world of peace, of birth at each and every moment.

This, my first column for THE PATLAR, is dedicated to you who are not afraid to feel the future and to move upon what you know in your souls to be the truth. We are gong to rise above the anarchy of the twentieth century and create a whole new world of LIGHT, of PEACE, and of LOVE in the twenty-first!

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JOY:

Now and Then!

by Joy TeSelle

My significant other and I will be celebrating our thirtieth anniversary of togetherness in July. This seems to be of interest to our many gay friends, both male and female, most of whom are young enough to be contemporaries of either our children or our grandchildren, and whose relationships have consequently been of shorter duration.

They appear to look upon us with a certain fondness, as though we were somewhat eccentric grandparents worthy of a measure of affection; and and they hint at benevolent respect, due in part to our representation of a degree of hope for the longevity of their own committed relationships.

This is all very pleasing and gratifying to us, being as we are very new members of the community, having come out less than two years ago. It is as though we have discovered a magic new world of warm friendships and fun times, with a freedom and ease we never knew existed.

That is how it is for us NOW. And it is difficult for us to understand what in the world we were doing THEN, when we were so isolated and alone, so fearful, and so unaware of all the life going on around us. NOW we are vitally interested in the lives and experiences of our new friends, and conversely, they seem eager to learn about how it was THEN when we first got together. It was a very different world. Perhaps in future editions of PATLAR we can share with you some of how it was for us THEN, and how it is for us NOW.

CROSSROADS

BRIDGING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT AMERICA

SOUTH ORANGE

The second annual American convention for fans of Marc Almond (who is gay) and Soft Cell is scheduled for Saturday, July 4, 1987. The convention, beginning at 8 PM and proceeding indefinitely, will be held at the home of fan club president Mari Thelander, 22 Cottage Street No. 3E, South Orange, New Jersey 07079. Phone (201) 763-6451. There is no admission, but the event is a potluck supper and a contribution of food is requested.

SAN ANTONIO

The Alamo Human Rights Committee (AHRC) recently selected new officers to serve through June 30, 1987. They are: Patrick Lombrano, Chair; Philip Shannon, Vice-Chair; and Robert Kohl, Secretary-Treasurer. Mr. Kohl will also serve as the AHRC representative to the Texas Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby in Austin.

AHRC is seeking persons to join in the fight for the rights of gay women and men in San Antonio and Texas. Membership forms can be obtained by contacting the AHRC at Box 12194, 78121-0194. Membership entitles members to discuss issues and plan strategy to meet concerns in the political arena.

BLOOMINGTON

The National Women's Music Festival is scheduled May 29-31, 1987. Although music is an important part of the Festival, its emphases are workshops, special conferences, networking, and seminars. The Festival will again be held on the Indiana University campus in Bloomington. For more information, write: NWMF, PO Box 5217, Bloomington, IN 47402 or call (317) 637-4938.

BOSTON

Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders (GLAD) recently hired attorney Denise McWilliams as half-time director of their AIDS Law Project because of the increase in AIDS-related discrimination and the need to increase AIDS-related legal educational work. McWilliams is a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law and has practiced law in Massachusetts for eight years. She will coordinate Project cases, assist attorneys, and expand the Project's educational programs.

CONCORD

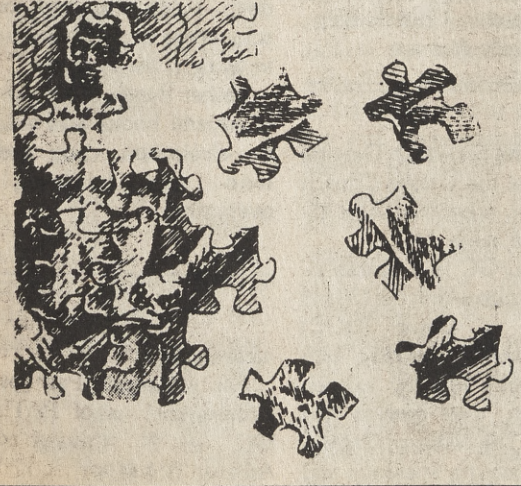
An organization has been formed to deal with gay political issues in Contra Costa County. The organization will be known as GLAD, and it will promote better relations between the straight and gay communities in the county. For more information, write PO Box 139, Concord, CA 94522 or call (415) 827-2960.

PHOENIX

The Arizona Gay Rodeo Association (AGRA) is growing beyond all expectations. In January the organization hosted its 2nd Annual Gay Rodeo, a high national profile event. The rodeo attracted individuals from 26 states and 3 Canadian provinces, representing every facet of the gay community.

AGRA is proud of the successes of its members in national rodeo competitions.

For more information about AGRA, call (602) 230-1170 or write PO Box 16363, Phoenix, AZ 85011.



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NEW ORLEANS

A Louisiana appellate court recently ruled that a New Orleans man can collect the inheritance willed him by his gay lover. The court rejected a claim that the relationship amounted to concubinage and thus restricted the man's inheritance rights.

The Court of Appeals in overturning the decision said that Danny Washington could inherit property worth an estimated $400,000 to $750,000 left him by Samuel Wilds Bacot Jr. in a will written by Bacot ten days before he died in 1984.

A lower court judge ruled that the state's open concubinage law, which limits bequests that two people living together but only "pretending" to be married can leave one another, allowed Washington to inherit only one-tenth of Bacot's movable property and none of his real estate. The lower court turned the bulk of the property over to a son Bacot adopted in 1982.

But the appellate court, reversing that decision, said the concubinage law did not apply to a gay relationship because the participants could not be said to be pretending to be married. Louisiana law bars same-sex marriages.

SAN FRANCISCO

The National AIDS Network (NAN) and Strub/Collins Inc. will hold a national conference on "Direct Mail Fund Raising" on May 11, 1987. The day-long conference will be held in the Women's Building of the Bay Area (3543 18th) in San Francicsco, CA.

This conference is a repeat of a successful conference held in New York City last November. "It is important for our community to understand the intricacies of direct mail as we conduct more successful fund-raising campaigns," says conference coordinator Cleve Jones.

"The challenge of AIDS requires us to develop skills to meet the many demands of this epidemic" says Sean Strub, of Strub/Collins Inc. Mr. Strub will be one of the many educators at this conference.

The registration fee for the conference is $100; scholarships will be available. For further information, please contact Cleve Jones at (415) 626-5725, or Paul Kawata (202) 347-0390.

ST. LOUIS

The St. Louis organization previously known as The Gay Forum has changed its name to The Forum: A Gay and Lesbian Group. The Gay Forum, founded to serve gay women and men, was perceived by many as an organization mainly for gay men. The membership felt a name change was needed to emphasize the organization's outreach to both men and women.

The organization, which is open to singles as well as persons in relationships, was established to provide a setting for gay women and men to socialize. It holds meetings at which guest speakers present various topics of general and specific interest to gay people. Social events include parties and potlucks. A period for socializing follows regular meetings which take place on the second and fourth Sundays of the month at the First Unitarian Church, 5007 Waterman. The organization is not church affiliated.

CLEVELAND

"Affirmed by the Spirit: Coming Home and Coming Out." will be the theme of the Seventh National Gathering of the United Church Coalition for Lesbian/Gay Concerns (UCCL/GC), to be held June 23-25 on the Case Western Reserve University campus in Cleveland. The event will be held immediately before the Sixteenth General Synod of the United Church of Christ, scheduled June 25-30 in the same city.

UCCL/GC is a special-interest group within the United Church of Christ (UCC) committed to ministry with and justice for gay women and men, their families and friends. The National Gathering will feature speakers and workshops.

For registration or other information, write UCCL/-GC, 18 N. College St., Athens, OH 45701.

FORT WAYNE

Hoosier Hoedowners hold monthly square dances the first Saturday evening of each month. Basic western style square dancing and some other specialized dances are offered. The series, to be held through the summer, is designed especially for people who have had little or no experience square dancing. Members of the club will demonstrate the steps and participants will be walked through the routines before being expected to try to dance. Most of the routines are from a taped series of introductory level lessons. Some are special routines such as the Virginia Reel. Call Tim (219) 436-4381 for information.

STOCKTON

The newly restored Imperial San Joaquin Delta Empire is holding its investitures on Saturday, May 16, 1987, at 7:00 PM at the Bootstrap, now the Stocktonian Imperial Palace. The Black Pearl Of The Delta, Empress Sugar XIV, and Emperor John XIV will name the first independent court in four years: "The Fiesta Court." All are invited and are welcome.

M.C.C. Stockton, whose pastor, Jean Hart, crowned The Empress at the Restoration Coronation, and who is to be made Lady Bishop Of The Empire at the upcoming Imperial Investitures, holds Sunday Services at 5:30 PM in the Unitarian Church Bldg., 2737 Pacific Avenue.

WEST HOLLYWOOD

Recent statements by Couples Inc. have resulted in confusion about its relationship to Couples/LA. This article defines the purpose and activities of Couples/LA.

Couples/LA provides a social/educational outreach to gay/lesbian couples. Couples/LA denies claim that it is affiliated with or a part of any other organization oriented toward couples-related issues. Specifically, Couples/-LA disclaims any relationship to Couples Inc. which is currently involved with the Mass Wedding at October's March on Washington, D.C.

Couples/LA invites interested couples to receive a free copy of the monthly newsletter by calling Couples Hotline: (213) 655-4213. Be sure to leave your name and address (including zip code) and telephone number (optional).

LONG BEACH

Father Leo Booth, an internationally known speaker on addictions, recently gave a seminar in Long Beach on "Spirituality and Gay/Lesbian Sexuality." His subject was spirituality or a person's relation to a higher power (often called God) rather than religion.

Father Booth dispelled the myth that homosexuals are not spiritually oriented. According to Father Booth, "Gays and lesbians have a deep spirituality and consciousness of a higher power at work in the universe."

Father Booth is the author of several books and videos on alcoholism, drug addiction, and compulsive overeating.

LOS ANGELES

STAMP OUT AIDS, the national campaign to help people with AIDS through the sale of stamps similar to Easter and Christmas seals, recently announced grants totalling $18,000 to AIDS service organizations throughout the country.

The grant recipients were: AIDS Foundation of Houston, Arizona Stop AIDS Project, Billings AIDS Support Network, Aliveness Project (Minneapolis), Kupona (Chicago), National Association of People with AIDS (Washington, DC), AIDS Resource Center (New York City), Chicago House and Social Service Agency, Good Samaritan Project (Kansas City), Nashville Cares, Central Valley AIDS Team (Fresno), Topeka AIDS Project, WWC AIDS Program (Washington, DC), PWA Coalition New York City, Being Alive (West Hollywood), PWA Coalition Dallas, Minority Task Force on AIDS (New York City), and Community Relief for PWAs (New Orleans).

STAMP OUT AIDS is the only *national* organization which directly helps the thousands of men, women, and children living with AIDS. None of the money raised through the sale of stamps goes toward research, education, or administrative costs.

Stamps sell in sheets of 6 for $1 and are obtainable by writing: STAMP OUT AIDS, 240 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036. A stamped, self-addressed envelope should be enclosed.

AUSTIN

The Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby (LGL) recently announced that bills were filed in both chambers of the Texas legislature to repeal Sec. 21.06 of the Penal Code which makes homosexual conduct a criminal offense.

LGL Executive Director Glen Maxey stated, "Just getting the bills introduced is a major step in our long process of education of the legislators about the lesbian and gay community's desire for this onerous law to be repealed."

"The attitude of the legislature to our issues, in general, is extremely hostile," Maxey continued. "We don't have anywhere near the votes for repeal in this session. But if we are lucky, we may be able to get a hearing in one or both of the houses of the legislature. It is just an initial step, but an extremely important one."

Maxey urges everyone to write the sponsors of the legislation and thank them for taking the courageous step: Sen. Craig Washington (Houston) at Box 12068 Austin, 78711; and Reps. Debra Danburg (Houston), David Cain (Dallas), Lena Guerrero (Austin), Sam Hudson (Dallas) and Larry Evans (Houston) at Box 2910, Austin, 78769.

"I assure you that the right wing crazies will give the sponsors a lot of grief, so I hope everyone will let them know we support their efforts on our behalf," Maxey said.

SAN DIEGO

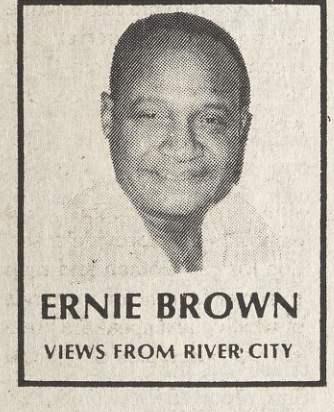
Diversionary Theatre/Productions is accepting submissions for its inaugural edition of an annual performing arts publication emphasizing gay- and lesbian-oriented works.

(Listings sought are those that appeal to gay-lesbian sensibilities. The publication will include the following disclaimer: "The sexual orientation of the artists and/or performing arts organizations listed herein are neither inferred nor implied by their inclusion nor by the publisher and its affiliates. Criterion for inclusion was the *perceived* representation of Gay-Lesbian sensibilities and experiences of a performance work.")

Artists whose works have been/will be presented from approximately January 1986 through Septemer 1987 are encouraged to submit accurate documentation of their performances. Requested are news releases, cast lists, programs, print articles, reviews, and, especially, photographs.

Of particular interest to writer/editor Thomas Vegh are submsissions for, but not limited to, the following categories: theatre, dance, performance art, poetry reading, musical groups, and comic solo performers. A listing of playwrights and their works will also be included.

Deadline for submissions is October 1, 1987. Materials should be sent with a $10 money order (checks will not be accepted) for processing to: Thomas Vegh, Editor, Performing Arts Annual, Diversionary Theatre/Productions, Inc., PO Box 34411, San Diego, CA 92103.



ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

SACRAMENTO

The Court Of The Great Northwest Imperial Empire held its 14th Coronation on April 29 at the Sacramento Community Centre. The largest audience in years greeted the new set of winners. Emperor: Ralph Leon; Empress: Shay. Also, Charlie Preston received the coveted lifetime title: Imperial Duke of Dragonnlaire For Life! for his meritorious services to the Crown as The Imperial Viceroy In Stockton. Everyone who was involved in the campaign and the Coronation should be congratulated. It was good to see candidates running with no animosity toward their competition. The Coronation was an utter delight. Terry Sidee, you are to be doubly congratulated for making the evening such an upbeat one. You folks out there will be able to meet the new monarchs on Sunday May 17 at Cleo's; that is the date for their investiture. The doors at Cleo's will open at 4:00 PM, full buffet, cocktails (no-host bar). Ceremonies start at 7:00 PM, $5 admission at the door...Faces is planning a dynamite Memorial Weekend. Keep that in mind...Faces, by the way, has complimentary schnaaps every Sunday at midnight-...Buffalo Club is having a circus carnival Sat. May 16, all day starting at 9 AM. Note: Each bar can have its own booth for any charity of its choice. There will be guest bartenders from around the city at this event. Sounds like fun; dunk tanks, etc...That time of the year again. Yes, "Name the Buffalo" contest at the Buffalo Club. This contest will take place Sat. May 23 starting at 7 PM...You can get your favorite pizza now at Beau's. The ovens are in and they are turning out mouth watering results. Try one-...Here is something to keep your eyes & ears open for. Bobbette & LaKish are planning a big (humongous) auction for Elizabeth Taylor (the real Elizabeth Taylor!) AIDS Research in Beverly Hills. This will take place at the Merc sometime in May...The Wreck Room's Pig Outs on Sunday afternoons are bigger & better than ever. Check them out...John-Pope's Restaurant at Faces is turning out some great meals, Wed thru Sun...Music at the Blue Moon, Sun 5-7 PM, Tues 7-9 PM. If you are N-2-Jazz, you are into this...Have you heard the voices of the Sacramento Gay Men's Chorus? They are giving a pop concert at Garbeau's sometime in May. I couldn't locate anyone who

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knew the correct date, but it'll probably be on a Monday night. So watch for announcements. I understand that tickets will be $15...I was at the Russian River a little while ago and stayed at the Mountain Lodge. What a beautiful place: swimming pool, sauna, steamroom, full kitchen & living room. You simply have to check out this resort...The Triple "R" is now reopened, bigger & better. "Drums" has now been renamed; it's called "Atlantis." Molly Brown is still a big fun bar...Bobbette recently turned over to the Hand to Hand Project a check for over $2000, proceeds from tacos & hotdogs...The Wreck Room also turned over $100 to Hand to Hand from a benefit they held...Softball is here again; get out there and enjoy it...Here is something that I need to bring up. The owners and managers of the bars here in our river city go to a lot of expense to make sure that you have an enjoyable stay in their bars. It is so disheartening, for instance, to put up a new mirror only to find it broken the very next day. Or to put up a soap dispenser and to find out at closing time that someone has pulled it off the wall and dropped it in the urinals. Or to find all the towels from the towel rack stuffed down the toilet, etc., etc., etc. If you have any grief or beef with your friends, lover, or what have you, take it out on them, outside the bar. Any type of argument should be handled outside the bar.

A CRUISE TO REMEMBER

And it certainly was. When I was first approached with the idea of taking an all-gay cruise, it did not entirely thrill me. The thought of being in a somewhat confined area with 750 gay men and women I

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equated with being at a gay-freedom parade and not being able to leave; but I was soon proved wrong.

It all began in New Orleans, the port of embarkation, where days before one could observe the steady trickle of potential passengers, for it was written in their eyes. Even the bars were beginning to resemble a bit of Mardi Gras three weeks past.

Arriving at the pier on Saturday morning, I was taken aback by the line of passengers waiting for check in. You could certainly tell these people didn't want to miss one moment. My surprise with the throngs of people was only overwhelmed by the number of bags that were being checked. It was only a one-week cruise, but everybody was a Duchess! The cruise line, the S.S. Bermuda Star, reported three times the normal amount of luggage checked in. Once the gear was stowed, we proceeded down the Mississippi for what would turn out to be a true vacation experience.

The passengers constituted a broad group of ages and personalities and were not lacking for pretty faces and bodies. Yet steroids aside, the interaction and ambience among fellow passengers was a wonderful sight. As one individual said, "The adventure begins when attitudes are left behind," and after the second day, we all became much more relaxed with one another.

The entertainment was far superior to any other cruise I have been on before. There was no lack of entertainers. Wayland and Madame were in rare and wonderfully trite form, while Celeste, the cabaret singer from New York, served as the perfect cruise hostess. Gotham, a comedy/singing trio also from New York, were always on their toes. Tom Ammiano, a comedian from San Francisco, kept me rolling on the floors during and out of his shows. For those in a more serious mode of entertainment, authors Armistead Maupin and Quentin Crisp gave excellent, readings and conversations.

The ship certainly did not lack for parties and excitement. The disco and piano bar were always going until the wee hours. The most outrageous event was the costume party. Now I know why there was three times the normal amount of luggage; a single steamer trunk was needed just for some of the headdresses. It could have been dubbed "Mardi Gras on the High Seas."

I personally enjoyed watching the shipboard romances that ensued and changed practically on a daily basis. I would love to get into stories about some of those revolving cabin doors, but I best save them for a Harlequin novel!

The ports of call, with the exception of Key West, were not too exciting. But I feel that when one takes a cruise, the real enjoyment can be found at sea. The welcome we received at Key West was truly befitting a Royal Visit. Many of the town's citizens had either come to the dock to greet us or had opened up their places of business for special tours and parties. The other two ports, both in Mexico, were Cozumel and Playa del Carmen del Maranda. They were good for ninety-cent marguerites and Aca Joe clothes, but that was about it.

After speaking with well over 100 people and gathering their views on the cruise, I would estimate that 80% of the passengers would take another gay cruise; and of those, at least 50% booked again for next year. One person who came on alone said, "Taking this cruise as a single was the best thing I could have ever done." I was also curious as to the interpretation of the women on board. Said one lady from California, "I did not feel intimidated at all by the lack of women on the ship. I enjoyed the total group and hope that other gay women will see their way to join in on this event."

Now if I were asked my thoughts on a repeat voyage (for those of you who care), I would say judging on the cruise line itself, I would not go again. But for what the Bermuda Star lacked, the R.S.V.P. staff surely made up for; and for that reason, I would not hesitate to rebook.

I cannot pass on this article without mentioning the great group of people we had at our table nightly. A sort of instant family for the week, and new friends for some time to come.

A cruise is not generally a cheap vacation. In fact, you should plan on spending anywhere from $1,000 on up (depending on your spending habits in the ports of call). Taking into consideration that this includes your food and gratuities, it is a reasonable holiday. The food, although not being four star, was a definite two trying to push three. I found that the food improved as the cruise rolled on; however, the midnight buffets always seemed to lack quality.

If you enjoy having fun, meeting new people, making new friends, rekindling old friendships or old loves, this is a vacation for you. I must hand it to R.S.V.P. for what they have done is no small undertaking, and the detail to which it has all been completed has definitely made this a cruise to remember and relive.

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Dan Wyant holds the title of Mr. Patlar 1985-6 and 1986-7. He has done many benifits and raffles for Patlar and charities like A.I.D.S. and a Community Fire-Fund for local gays. He's a bartender at Cleo's lounge in Sacramento, and received the Communities Humanitarian Award in 1985.

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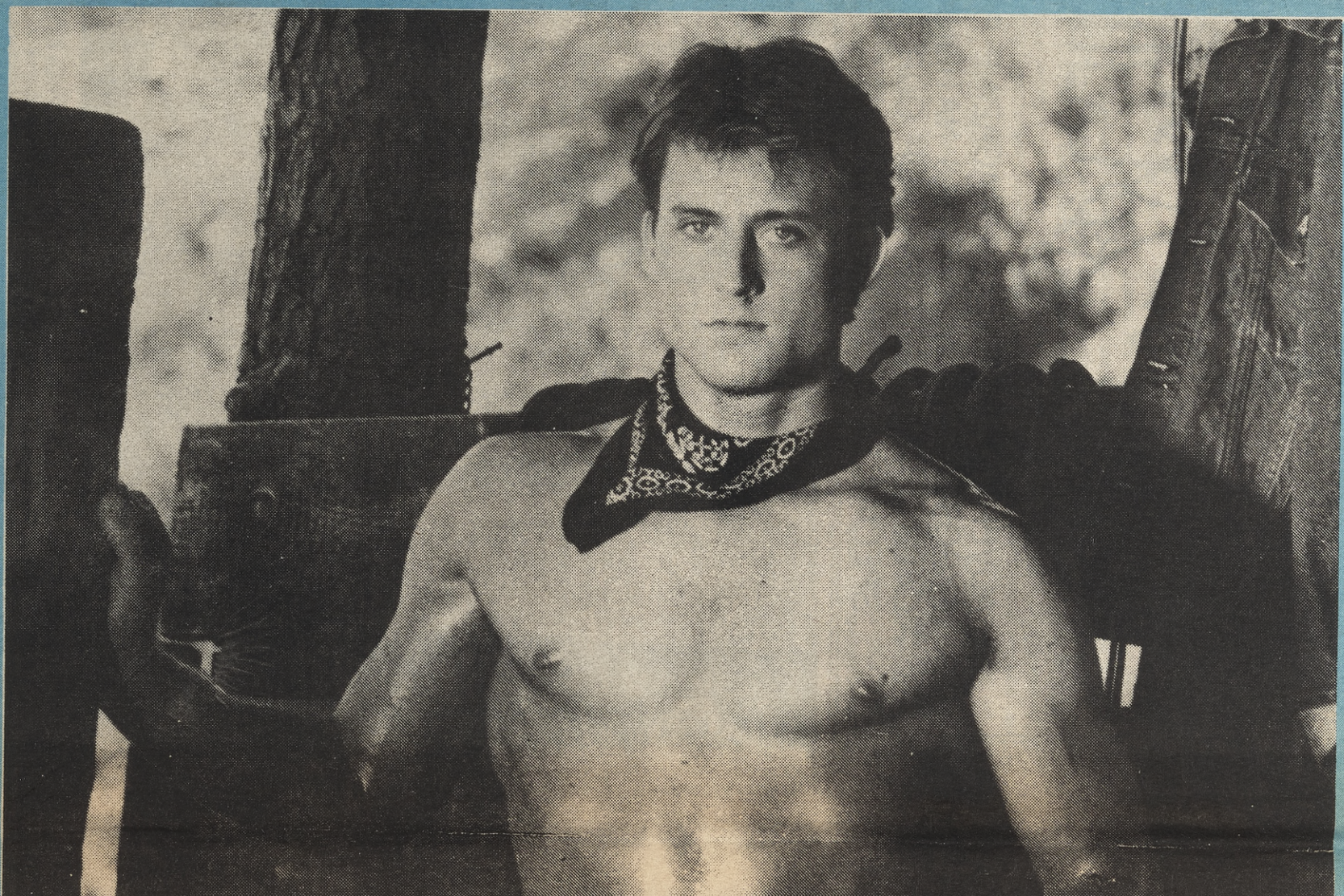

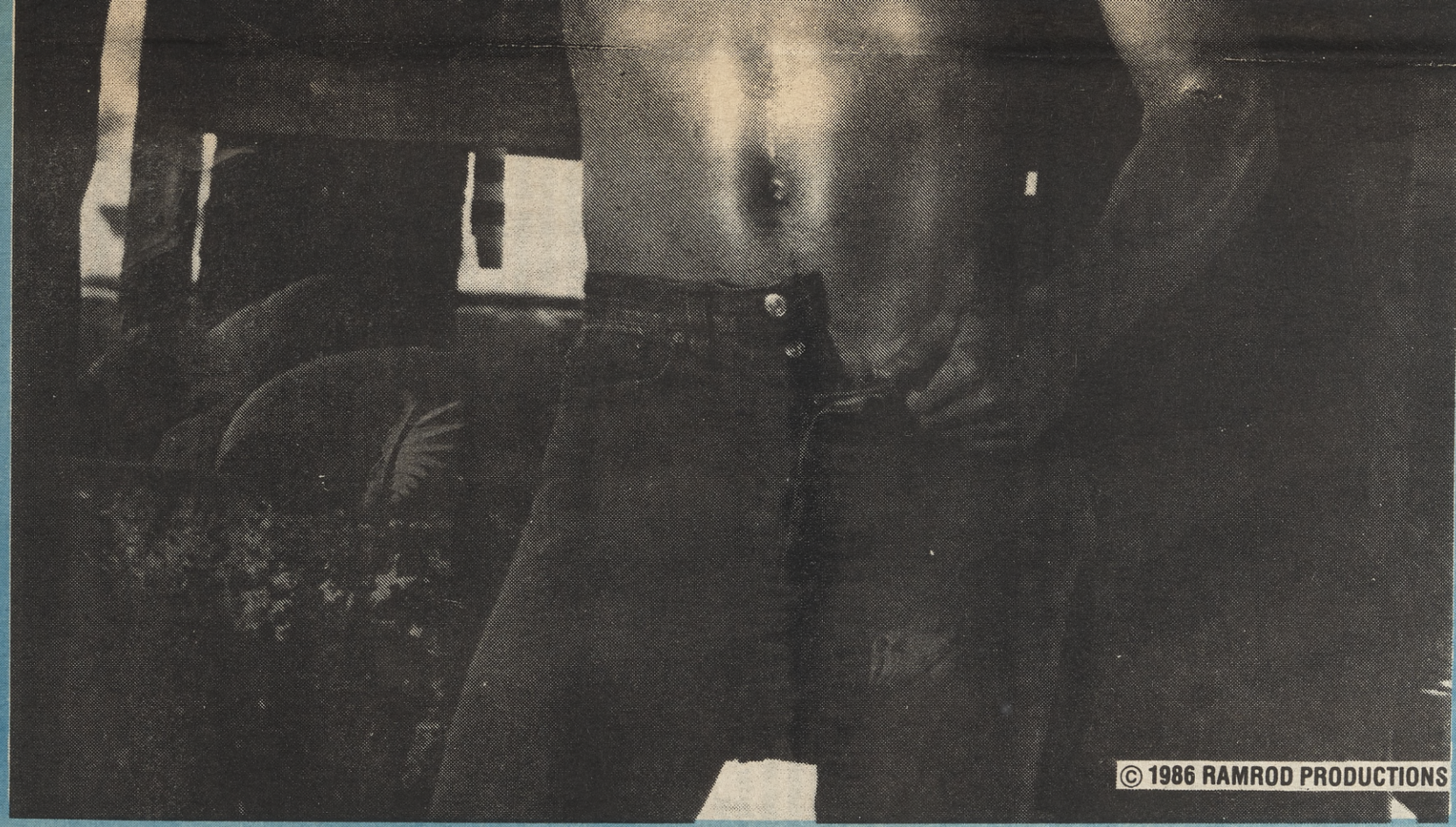

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HOROSCOPES

by Dr. Pat Larr

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A cute little rear-end sashays into view mid-month. This fanny fans the flames of some fantastic fantasies.

GEMINI (May 21-Jun 20): That hunk you've been drooling over keeps eluding you. How to get into his pants? The stars say a little more spit and polish will do it. Good luck.

CANCER (Jun 21-Jul 22): You only hurt the one you love, and this month you run into someone who loves it. If you can't beat them, join 'em.

LEO (Jul 23-Aug 22): Astral forces force you to do somethings you won't be very proud of by month's end, but leasy least you have fun doing them.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sep 22): Your Solar Return brings you lots of good luck. Yes, now that it's spring, you'll be seeing lots of weenies and buns barbecuing in the sun.

LIBRA (Sep 23-Oct 22): Dust off your Speedos and get that body back in shape. It's going to be one long, hot summer of Beach Blanket Bingo for you. Enjoy!

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22): A corporate cutie longs to prick your pretty balloon. He'll have you on a string before the month is out. If you're lucky, you may get a raise out of it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21): Your sense of humor needs to be toned down. You're getting too outrageous for words, and soon you'll be the butt of your own jokes.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19): So many men, so little time. You're going to have to make a choice sooner or later. These days it's not safe to play the field. Venus in your House of Romance signals that you'll be settling down soon.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18): You'll be one wet water sign by month's end. Yes, summer starts off with a bang; but only if you plan a vacation near water. A bathtub will do.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20): Prepare your pocketbook. You're going to need big bux next month. You're going to meet a gold digger who doesn't have a heart of gold, but who does have a hard that's even better than gold.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 19): Someday your prince will come. Unfortunately, for you the only prince you're apt to find this month will be at the Fotomat.

MODERN MUSIC

by Michael Maier

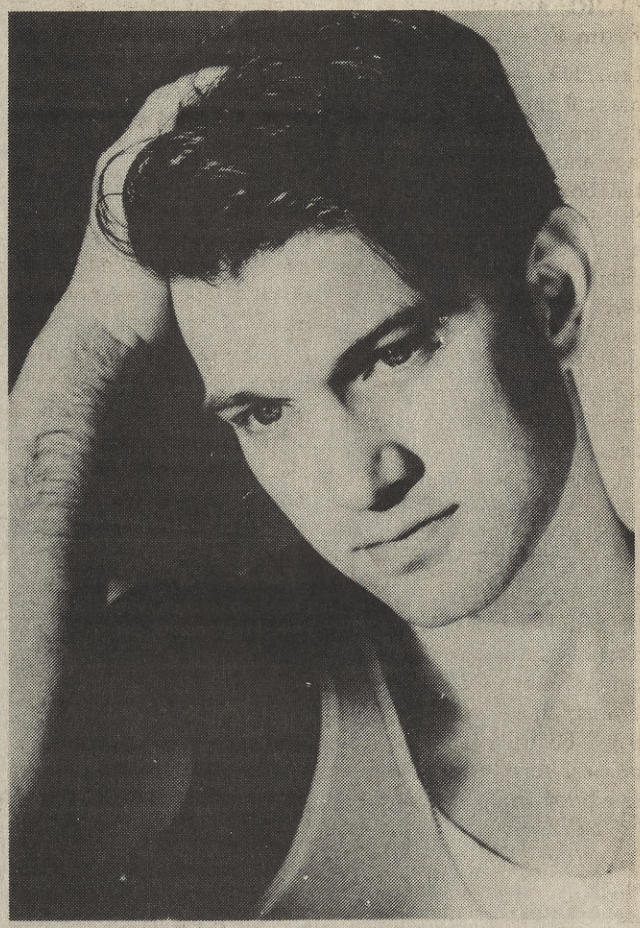
Chris Isaak:
An Elvis With
The Eighties Feel

Singer/songwriter Chris Isaak isn't in any hurry to make it big overnight. But present personal desires may have very little control over the current mania which surrounds the success of the year's best album by far, self-titled CHRIS ISAAK.

I asked Isaak if he felt that he was getting the success and attention that he had hoped for at this stage in his young and promising career. "Yes. Sometimes I feel it's like when you ask for an ice cream cone and then someone dumps an entire truck load on your head. Four years ago I would have murdered someone just to get my name in the paper. Now it's different; I can get through to people."

Isaak is best described as the pretty boy of good and true rock n' roll. His styles are obvious, with an interweaving of legendary idols: Nelson, Orbison, Beatles, Lewis, and a more than coincidental likeness to Elvis. However, in his 1985 album debut, "Silvertone," Isaak's style far surprasses just an uncanny Elvis pose; the sounds, music, and energy are equal to that of the greats.

"You can see where I stole it from," Isaak notes. "I stole it just like everybody else did, fair and square. I took from a lot of obvious people, but there are bits and pieces of other musicians as well, country and blues singers."



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CHRIS ISAAK

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This current album is where the first album left off: modern, timeless, moody, haunting, at times menacing, evocative, alluring as well as fresh and multi-faceted, and sophisticated. It showcases the potential of this soon to be legendary singer in true form. The vocals are romantic, eerie, spell binding passages which give the listener visions of dimly lit, smokey, dream-like caverns that exist deep within everybody's subconscious. This is an infectious compilation of eleven songs, starting with the album's first single, "You Owe Me Some Kind of Love."

The moody enchantment which is reflected through every cut is a noted part of Isaak's persona. "I sometimes feel like God's lonely man. This comes through in my music. I don't want people to see me when I am this dark." He feels that this is in part due to the strange and lonely hours he puts in as an entertainer.

Isaak is the youngest of three brothers born and raised in the California quintessential fat city, Stockton. He grew up listening primarily to country and western music and early on developed a love for the obscure genius of bandleader Louis Prima. "I never liked rock and roll until I heard the Sun session reissues. That was the first stuff that really sounded like what rock and roll should be."

At the age of twenty, Isaak attended college in Tokyo on a scholarship where the legendary sounds of Jerry

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Lee, Elvis, et al. opened a new musical dimension to him. At this time he was attending college and fighting on an amateur boxing team. It was there that he decided to give music a try. "I liked to sing and I didn't hear anything that really seemed to be happening. So I decided to give it a shot. Probably if I had heard someone doing the kind of music I wanted to do, I just would have bought their records."

At present Isaak makes his home in the European styled city of San Francisco with his three-member support band, SILVERTONE, which consists of James Calvin Wilsey, guitar; Kenney Dale Johnson, drums; and Rowland Salley, bass. Each member of this musical core has had extensive prior group experience.

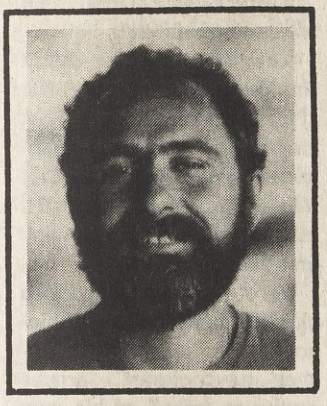
The Silvertone foursome make their home at various small Bay Area clubs, which Isaak finds the most conforming to the group's personality and image at this time. "If you want to be a pop star, then your whole ambition is to play large arenas. But to be realistic, any musician should plan on playing small clubs on occasion."

As for the near future, Chris Isaak takes only one day at a time. His main interest is to keep Silvertone together and performing. He also notes that his most valuable interest through this whole process is the writing. "I'm not interested in Grammys or the loot. The most fun for me out of all of this is when I'm at home and I write the songs. I can't imagine me making lots of money and having best-selling albums at the top of the charts. The transformation is still a long ways off."

During my conversation with Isaak, he proved to be quick witted, intelligent, and complex; a most interesting conversationalist, somewhat shy but yet relaxed with a boyish innocence. He was quick to correct me as to my impression by mentioning: "I am a born-again liar. I was a liar before and now I'm a liar again."

However, his music and song styles do not lie. In this respect, he is direct and straightforward, definitely one of the best contemporary artists. Chris Isaak is what is and should be heppening musically and visually. His music is a creative gem of good rock and roll. It is possible that this is the new musical leader who is needed to awaken the present musical doldrums, an artist whose music is more than worth listening to and especially buying.

SILVERTONE: A gold recording.



THAT'S FAIRLY INTERESTINGF!

by Frank Batey

When we have something to say...even something interesting...it's quite natural to look for a podium. Sometimes *any podium*.

In exercising our desire to be heard, some of us may reach for the first microphone available...although that may be a very regrettable act for a long time afterward.

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memorate" Reagan's 1986 air and missle assault. The American minorities involved received worldwide attention which undoubtedly will give them some short-range benefits. They found a podium.

But a more counterproductive result of such alignments by American minorities may be the clear message that free speech is a mute possibility at home.

Our short-range thinking may spawn feelings of embarrassment over America's dirty laundry being displayed to the whole planet. Our sometimes narrow, shortsightedness triggers a kind of "denial" and admission that free speech is anything but *free* speech in the good ol' US of A.

Simple as that...tsk tsk...end of subject.

Yet our (il)logic defies thinking and lessens the chance that any discernable, long-range benefits can germinate. Paroli Vero, Jr. calls this "antiseptic thinking." (If it may be called "thinking" in the first place.)

Vero (who has described himself modestly and functionally as "just another kitchen psychologist") argues partly on behalf of his own diverse minority roots, partly on behalf of altruism and partly in retort to the silently ominous world problem of over population.

"Traditionally, primates have resorted to group leaders, tribal potentates, kings, prelates, and other primates (though not necessarily in that order) to fight social injustice. Yet the greatest reactions to promote social justice have probably evolved...not from castles, cathedrals, or zoos...but around food and where it's eaten, prepared, or otherwise available." Time's come for a grass-roots solution."

Covering the Libyan event in Tripoli for a publication even more obscure than himself, Vero voiced to me his own hasty concern over the bongo and tom-tom demonstrators from New York and New Jersey. (He annunciated while apparently unconcerned whether his hamburger filling came from a Dromeday or Bacterian quadriped):

"Gays are probably as guilty as the next minority for being shortsighted and for keeping to ourselves."

"Minorities operate out of *fear*...like many other primates...when we keep to ourselves with our opinions and efforts to be heard. This archaic act, so regressive and so mesozoic, serves the interest of the ruling class—which is not gay, Indian, Black, Asian, Jewish, nor Mesopotamian."

Vero encourages gays to assimilate into other social, ethnic and special-interest groups before the ruling class knocks us all off..."one minority group after another."

An important point of view, I agree. For, although the Holocaust may be perpetually in front of us through the media, very little recognition surfaces among information projects about gays and other minorities who actively fought and succumbed to the European atrocities. Those who fought back were first to be torched in many cases. (Their genetic material was not usually passed on to subsequent generations in a reproductive way.) Most Jewish survivors and organizations ignore the existence of gays and lesbians—even while gays are not targeted to be the first to be marched off to modern internment camps.

Religious organizations either condemn us (as they did in Lutheran and Catholic Germany), they ignore our existence or, very often, spawn mostly gay churches. Politicians often accept our contributions then open both barrels on us in order to raise

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their standings in political polls. We cringe and retreat, often just as a regular survival mechanism.

A solution to the enigmas which may benefit gays in the long run probably isn't to "return to the closet" but to redocorate, of course.

Let's try to be our (gay) selves in a number of efforts and organizations that are not and may never be considered "gay" or "sexually oriented." This doesn't mean that we have to run for public office, although our visibility to gay and other public officeholders is vital at this time.

People usually like us after they get to know us. It's the folks who say they've never known a gay or lesbian and don't have any in their families we must reach for. They need to meet us—that's probably all.

Now comes to mind the response of one slightly inebriated patron of the mug when asked if he'd care to register for the last election: "I refuse to become involved in the electoral process if that means I have to vote."

(I'm not sure I know what he meant, either.)

Write me, Frank Batey, if you have some wit, verse, or worse on anything Fairly Interesting to share with other readers. No marriage proposals, please...I'm nobody's type (although I deeply accept the compliment). Write: Frank Batey, That's Fairly Interesting, PO Box 8043, Palm Spring, CA 92263.

GROWING NOTES

by Robert B. Hamm

May is a spring month in all but the coldest climates, and almost summer in climate zone 7B-10 (USDA map). Whether outdoors, indoors, or in the greenhouse, rapidly rising temperatures are the norm and with higher temperatures come problems.

The first problem has to do with a rapid increase in the amount of water plants use. Higher temperatures, coupled with rapid spring growth, cause a phenomenal increase in water use. You should be sure to adjust your watering schedule accordingly. Another problem is sun strength. Plants that flourished in winter sun can burn to a crisp in the same summer situation. If plants turn pale during the day, they are getting too much sun. Indoors, watch south and western exposures especially. Often a sheer drape will cut sunlight enough to prevent sunburn.

Rapid growth and water use also mean a regular feeding program is advisable. Indoors warmer weather brings air-conditioning season, and indoor plants can have problems. Always make sure plants are not in the cold air draft from the air conditioning vents. You can really chill a plant that way. Leaving a plant in line with a vent can result in leaf drop and even death. "Weeping Fig" (Fiscus Benjamanica) and "Dumb Cane" (Diffenbachia) are very sensitive this way.

Vacation time is almost here, and a common problem is getting your plants through the period of your absence. Well, one way many hobbyists get plants to last a week is simple and effective with most plants. Take all your plants the day you're to leave and place them in the bathtub. Place the plants that use the most water near the drain. Water everything heavily with plain water until about ¼ to ½ inches of water stands in front of tub. Then set the air conditioning to between 72 and 75 degrees, and close all of the curtains to your house. In the low light, relatively cool situation you've created, most plants will last a week without being harmed. Last year, out of about 150 plants I held this way, I lost only three: one to rot, the other two dried too much. However, I think they may have been at the wrong ends of the tub—my fault, anyway. Of course, a "dependable" friend watering for you saves all the work, but dependable friends are hard to find.

For those looking for summer color bedding plants, there are several newer varieties I'd recommend looking for.

Cosmos, 'Sunny Red' and 'Sunny Yellow' are two newer dwarf Cosmos that will bloom all summer in sun, even in hot climates. Sunny Yellow is a bright yellow, growing up to 16 inches. Sunny Red is a red/orange and gets slightly taller, up to 24 inches. Comphrena—'Buddy' and 'Buddy White'—these two draft Comphrenas will take sun and 100 degrees in stride and bloom till frost. Vinca (Catharanthus)—Carpet Series—The 'periwinkle' form of 'vinca'—but in a new low spreadng/trailing form, will get to 3 feet across, blooms all summer in full sun. Good for baskets, beds, or urns.

Some perennials that really bloom and stand sun and heat include Gaillardia 'Goblin,' with bright red and yellow shaded daisy-like flowers on a plant 12-14 inches tall and up to 2½ feet across. Gloriosa Daisy (Rudbeckia) is a common taller daisy to 3 feet with yellow, orange or mahogany blooms. Closely related but with lavendar purple flowers is purple cone flower (Echinacea Purpurea).

For milder climates (USDA Zone 8-10), perennial statis adds lavendar flowers over a long period. For light frost areas, Algoyne Huegleii, the commonly called Blue Hibiscus, is a somewhat lankey shrub with lavendar blue flowers similar to Hisbiscus over a which will grow large but can be cut back hard is 'Princess Plant' (Tibouchina) with large royal purple blooms all summer and velvety green leaves which turn red cast in winter. Princess plant will also make a spectacular potted plant for a patio (greenhouse, or sunny window in colder climate).

If there is anything (plantwise) that you are specifically looking for, let me know and I will try to locate it (or a source for it) for you. My newsletter and availability list are out and you can get a year's subscription by sending $3 to: Robert B. Hamm, PO Box 160903, Sacramento, CA 95816.

For those readers who like Begonias, the national convention of the American Begonia Society will be in Long Beach, California August 27-30 at the Breakers Hotel. I will be attending.

Bonsai lovers take note: A well-known Northern California Bonsai Grower is moving this summer and is selling a lot of her stock. Contact Jane Kong, Kong's Botanic Enterprise, 7560 Canapy Lane, Citrus Hiehgts, CA 95610, phone (916) 725-9180.

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Ed Sage's Mirrored Radios

by Sheryl Birkner

Ed Sage may have the largest collection of mirrored glass radios owned by a private collector. He collects all sorts of deco items, but says, "I have a passion for radios. They're like people: They have a different face, but they all play music.

Ed's collection includes pieces mirrored in blue, rose, or crystal glass. But one of his prizes is a 1936 Sparton "Nocturne" that stands 46 inches high. It is a stunning circle of chrome and mirrored rose glass that looks remarkably modern by the standards of any era. There are only nine of these models known to exist, and Ed has two of them. "I almost bought a third," recalls Ed, "but I didn't want to sell my Volvo!" In 1936 the "Nocturne" sold for $375 west of the Rockies, an enormous price during the Depression, which may explain their rarity today. Says Ed "I have spoken to lots of people who lived in that period, and they never saw a mirrored radio. If any readers have information about mirrored radios, such as old ads, prices, colors, or names of stores that sold them, please let me know."

In Ed's kitchen are several streamlined table radios plus a streamlined radio-shaped cookie jar. In the bathroom is a coke bottle green mirrored radio (a Remler), with a new purchase sitting on top—three tiny, unopened bottles of "Radio Girl" perfume.

Ed became interested in radios when he was 14 and watched his uncle play with a homemade crystal set. He built a bigger one of his own; and at the age of 15, he bought his first radio with money made pulling weeds, a 1936 Philco. Ed has been collecting radios ever since, but he did not become interested

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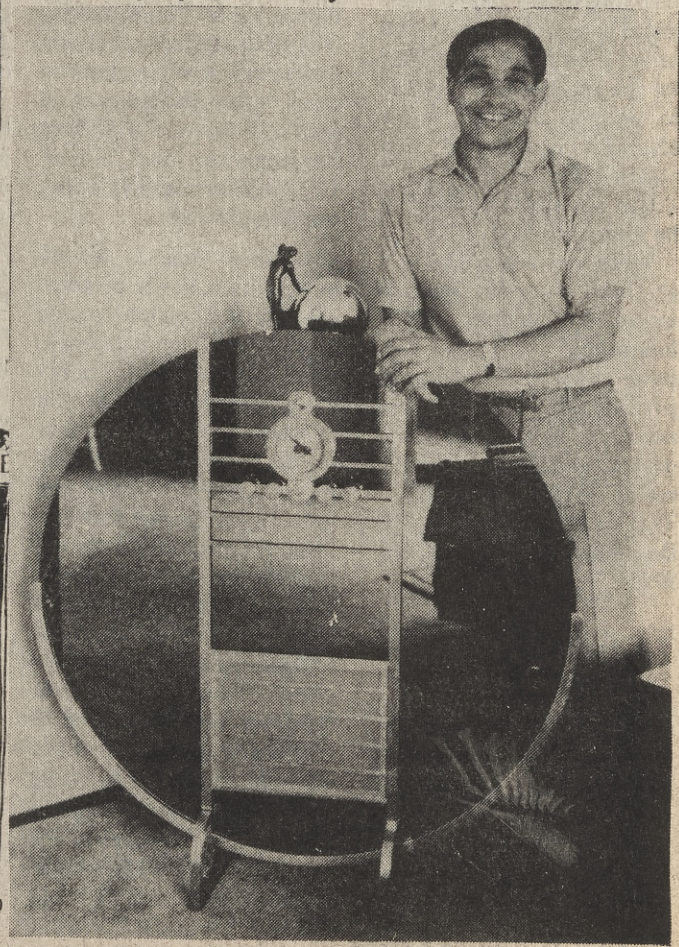

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in mirrored radios until six years ago when he saw one at another collector's house. He said it was love at first sight; and in the past three years, he has driven over 100,000 miles to buy and trade.

Ed spends most of his free time going to flea markets, swap meets, and poring over the publications of the many radio clubs he belongs to: Antique Radio Club of America, Antique Wireless Association, California Historical Radio Society, Southern California Antique Radio Society, and the journal 'Radio Age.' He has run into many disappointments when other collectors decided not to sell or trade after all, but he offers this advice to anyone who wants to become a collector of any kind: "Don't get greedy; there's plenty for everybody. You have to be honest, and you will be respected by other collectors."

In the best deco tradition, radios made in the 30s and 40s were much more than electronic appliances. To Ed, they symbolize the industrial design of the 30s. Many of the pieces in Ed's collection light up to create beautiful effects, and most of the glass is cut or etched and accented with chrome fixtures, ray patterns, or a stepped design. Some are not glass, but mother of pearl or bamboo. He even has the radio that Clark Gable gave to Carole Lombard, purchased originally from her estate.

Ed spends a lot of time researching the history of radio design. The oldest mirrored radio in his collection is a 1933 RCA, and he says it is "the earliest one I know of. Earlier there were battery sets in glass cases, to show the insides, but no mirrored radios."

If you have any information to aid his research, Ed can be reached at (707) 746-5659.

POETRY

THE MUSIC IN MY LIFE

by Sean Bailey

You are the music in my life
But you did not come to me
Sighing like some soft romantic
violin--
More like a kettledrum
to echo
One vigorous mellow resounding.

You are the music of my days
And open springsongs of my dawn
To warm the morning melodies.
You bring arpeggios against
my calm
And quicken pulse like a
thousand drummers.

You make my symphony through
the night,
The pensive twilight etude
for me
To learn myself again again,
and know--
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by G. W. Lee

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Amazingly enough after this winter's big affair with suspenders, this spring and summer season is making them hotter than ever. Suspender pants come with matching suspenders in just about any color you could want. Prices have been ranging from $25-35 for the pants which usually have pleated fronts with tapered legs to the ankle. I'm sure you'll have no problem finding them since everywhere I've been they're there. Enjoy!

As for fragrances, Aramis has come out with a new cologne entitled Tuscany. Mellow and spicy, it has a similar base to other Aramis colognes, but does have a scent which is not overpowering.

Calvin Klein has done it again in men's underwear. Bicycle shorts style in 100% cotton knit as well as boxers and skin-fitting boxer-like styles. Tanks and muscle shirts with big openings for arms and neck. This designer consistently surprises and excites me with his sexy designs, and he knows what sells!

As for hair styles, short and long are both in. The trick to the long look is to have the hair layered for a fuller look without the unruly look of long locks. The same goes for shorter looks. Layering keeps a full look, yet still is right for work and play.

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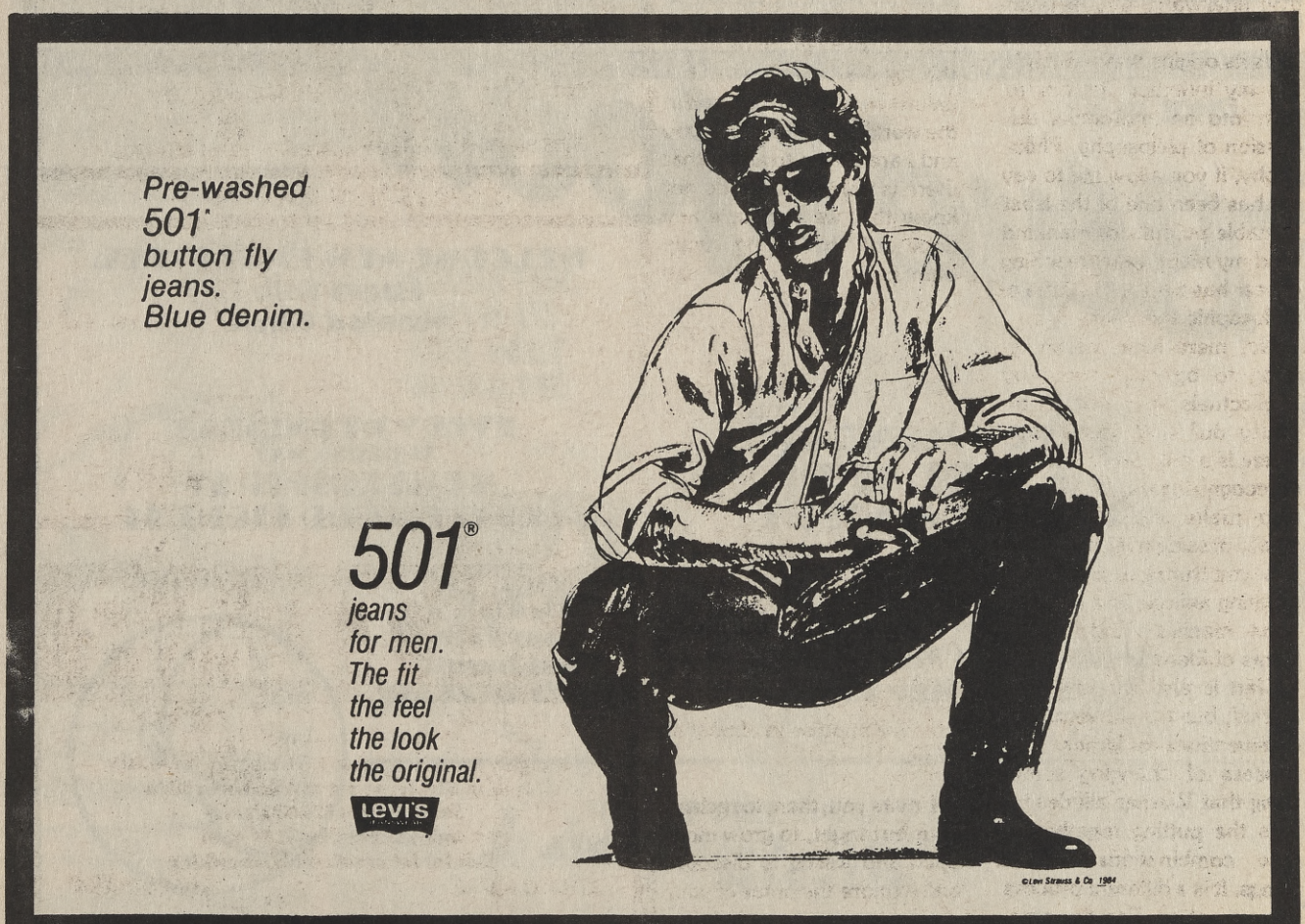

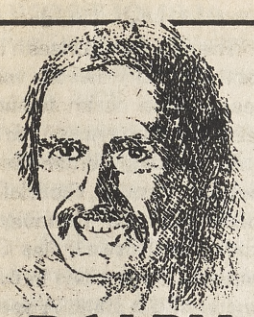

RALPH

and there is more...

"You can only create out of nothing; to do anything other than that is simply to change something." Werner Erhard said that, or words to that effect, some years back. I've chosen to use them this time as the beginning for this essay on creation.

The notion that ideas precede thought is at least 2500 years old, for Plato's Theory of Ideas set forth this concept and made it part of the mainstream of western thought ever afterward, and the philosophical school of Idealism finds its origins there. But it is not my intention for this to turn into an intellectual discussion of philosophy. Philosophy, if you allow me to say so, has been one of the least valuable pursuits of mankind (and my many-years teaching career has been in the area of philosophic thought!)

No, mere ideas as something to bandied about by intellectuals turn out to be pretty dull and vapid stuff. There is a risk, however, that in recognizing this fact we will also make the mistake of totally missing out on the very importnt truth that man IS the creating animal, and his creations manifest first in the forms of ideas.

Man is also the inventing animal, but the development of inventions is largely that process of changing something that Werner alludes to. It is the putting together in new combinations of old things. It is a different process from creating. For the creative process involves that incredible leap into the totally unknown—the "not previously explored" or "the not even thought to be possible." Or, even more directly, the willingness to explore what is thought to not-be.

G. Spenser Brown in his book, ***The Laws of Form***, put it this way:

"To any person prepared to enter with respect into the realm of his great and universal ignorance, the secrets of being will eventually unfold, and they will do so in a measure according to his freedom from natural and indoctrinated shame in his respect of their revelation."

In other words, Professor Brown is saying that we need to encourage a kind of celebration of ignorance, or not-knowing, for it is only in the realm of what is not known or what is thought not to be that creation—true creation out of nothing—takes place.

Might I thus gently suggest tht you accept gently and lovingly all of those places in you that are unknown or touch on the great realm of the unknown—both in you and in the world? For it is only as you and I are willing to admit that there is much that we do not know that we can have any hope of becoming truly human—which is to say "creative beings!"

This is wo/man's birthright. Like our source, the "I am" or Mother/Father God or what I prefer to call "The Infinite Creator," each of us came forth from our mother's womb to create. Tragically, however, from only a few weeks or days or moments, even, after that, we began to be indoctrinated to be like everyone else, a process of acculturation which very effectively stamps out the creative impulse in almost all of us.

I invite you, then, to reclaim your birthright, to grow more open and willing to discover and explore the areas of your divine ignorance, so that, like the Infinite Creator, you too may begin to create out of

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nothing. But do not stop with the new idea, however; go on to the part that ultimately counts. Put it to the test in experience and find out if it will fly!

Yes, sometimes it will crash. Wonderful! That has demonstrated for you what doesn't work, and allows the space for your energies to now go into further exploration to determine what will! Edison is said to have tried literally thousands of substances before he finally found the one that would work for the filament of the light bulb.

Besides, when you are creating out of nothing, you cannot even be sure just what you will bring forth, so do not be dismayed if your baby creation turns out to be something quite other than what you'd thought it would be! You may, in that case, have slipped from creation into invention—indeed by accident—but that is OK too!

So, I invite you. Begin today; tomorrow doesn't wait. I give you permission to discover and explore the unknown, and you have the power, out of that, to create the truly new.

Ralph H. Walker is creator of The Loving Brotherhood and The ALL NEW YOU Experience. For information about either or both, you may write PO Box 556, Sussex, NJ 07461 or call (201) 875-4710.

DENVER

The International Gay Travel Association (IGTA), an international network of travel industry businesses and professionals involved with the gay travel market, recently published a brochure describing its activities. Travel industry members who want to learn more about IGTA may obtain the free brochure by calling (303) 425-1800, or by writing to IGTA at PO Box 18466, Denver, CO 80218-0466.

ALBUQUERQUE

The Gay Men's Health Project (GMHP) needs volunteers who can facilitate Health Awareness Parties and Bonding With Health Support Groups, especially in cities such as Farmington, Carlsbad, Roswell, Las Cruces, and other cities in every region of the state. A special overnight weekend training is being offered to gay and bisexual men interested in becoming GMHP volunteer facilitators. The $35 fee (which may be waived in hardship cases) includes all meals and overnight accommodations at Sunrise Springs.

For more information, contact Larry at (505) 266-0911 in Albuquerque or Tom at (505) 984-0911 in Santa Fe.

DETROIT

Last year over 2000 people participated in the first statewide Gay Pride parade which was held for the first in Detroit. This year this event is scheduled for Sunday, June 28; and 5000 gay women and men and friends are expected to turn out.

The 1987 parade committee has organized and is meeting monthly on the third Wednesday of each month at the Michigan Office of Human Rights offices in Detroit. The theme of this year's parade is the national theme, "Proud, Strong & United."

Help from individuals and organizations from across the state is needed. Interested groups of individuals may contact the parade committee at (313) 869-MOHR.

DAYTON

The Dayton Men's Chorus, a chorus for gay men, was recently formed. Rehearsals are held every Tuesday evening at 8:00 PM. The rehearsals are held at the First Unitarian Church, 665 Salem Avenue. If the loction changes, there will be a sign on the door. Call (513) 228-4875 for more information.

LOS ANGELES

A 30-room Victorian house in LA will be transformed into a short-term shelter for persons with AIDS.

The emergency shelter was purchased with a $100,000 grant from the California Emergency Shelter Program and a $245,000 low-interest loan from the LA Community Redevelopment Agency.

Housing is one of the major problems with AIDS and AIDS-related illnesses. Many persons who are ill cannot work, making it difficult to meet rent or mortgage payments. Without economic resources and in some cases the support of family and friends, many are left homeless during critical stages of their illness.

The shelter, operated by AIDs Project Los Angeles, is expected to open in late June. For more information, write AIDS Project, Los Angeles, 3670 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, CA 90010.

SAN FRANCISCO

The Fraternal Order of Gays (FOG) will take its third trip to Europe this year. This trip will take FOG to the Dalmatian coast of Yugoslavia and Southern Italy. The group will depart from San Francisco/Los Angeles on Alitalia on Thursday, September 17, and will fly to Dubrovnik, a beautiful, ancient city known as the "Pearl of the Adriatic." It was founded in the seventh century and has preserved its medieval appearance.

The group will also spend five nights in Rome. Many of the historic sites and monuments in Rome will be toured.

Naples, the Island of Capri, the ruins of Pompei, and Palermo will also be on the tour. On October 6, the group will depart from Palermo to return to San Francisco.

The members' tour price is $2445. For reservations and additional information, contact: FOG, 304 Gold Mine Drive, San Francisco, CA 94131.

KANSAS CITY

A Jackson County judge has ruled that a gay mother may not have her children visit overnight if her lover is present in the home. The ruling was made by Jackson County Circuit Judge Jack E. Grant.

Grant said it was in the best interests of the children to prevent their exposure to homosexual behavior since such behavior is still a crime in Missouri.

BOSTON

Openly gay Boston City Councillor David Scondras announced recently that Coors beer will no longer be sold at Fenway Park, home of the Boston Red Sox baseball team. The move to ban Coors came as a result of negotiations between Scondras, Fenway Park's management, and union representatives.

"Boston baseball fans should not be subsidizing a terrorist war in Central America," said Scondras, referring to Coors' funding of the Contras, "nor should they help support a family that is dedicted to attacking the rights of gay people, blacks, women, and unions."

Last year Sondras won an agreement from Fenway Park's management to severely restrict Coors sales. This year's decision to ban the beer entirely is believed to be one of the single largest contracts Coors has lost as a result of its alleged homophobic, racist, and anti-union activities.

"Councillor Scondras has shown that together working people, gay people, and all those struggling for social justice can win," said Dominic Bozzotto, head of Local 26 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees Union. Bozzotto went on to urge activists in other cities to

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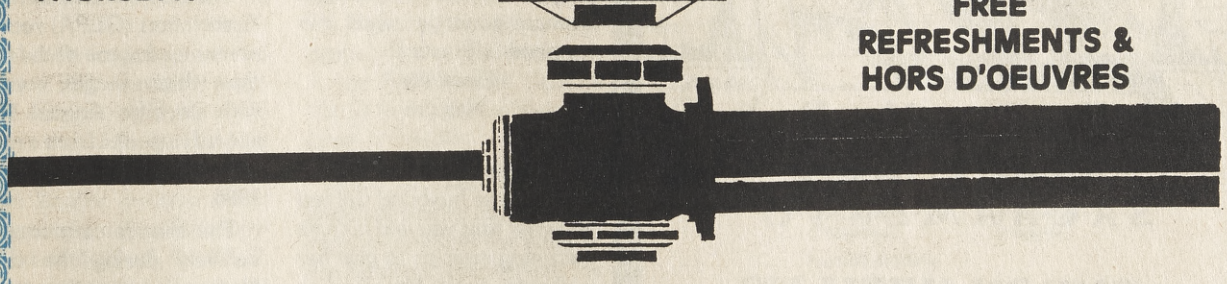

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investigate beer sales in other sports parks and arenas to see if Coors is being sold: "Baseball is supposed to be an all-American sport—with their record of union busting, opposing workers' dignity and human rights, and funding terrorism in Central America, Coors doesn't deserve to be sold in any park in this country."

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The Boston Police Department has just announced that it will actively recruit gay and lesbian officers before the next police entrance exams. The department also plans to send liaison officers to attend more functions in the gay community. The plan follows recent recommendations by the Boston Lesbian and Gay Alliance, which documented 135 cases of verbal and physical abuse against gays, including five allegedly by police officers.

FAUX PAS

by Edwards E. Kett

Dear Edwards,

When bidding my gay friends adieu, I never hesitate to give them a kiss goodbye. But when I entertain my straight friends, I often feel like kissing the woman goodbye, but I'm afraid that her husband will object. Is it proper to kiss a straight woman goodbye when her husband is present?

Sincerely,
Malcom

Dear Malcolm,

Often the husband will feel flattered that you find his wife charming enough to give her a chaste, social kiss. And as for the husband, if he's very mellow or very drunk, he might accept a brotherly hug from you; otherwise, you'll have to butch up your act and give him a hearty handshake.

Dear Mr. Kett,

I have a lesbian friend who's dying for me to take her to a leather bar. I've taken her to other men's bars, and we always have a great time. However, I'm nervous about taking her to a leather bar. I, myself, feel awkward enough when I go to a leather bar because I can't afford even a leather vest, so I stand out like a sore thumb. I figure it will be even worse if I have a women tagging along behind me. Do you think I should attempt to take her to a leather bar?

Yours,
Brent

Dear Brent,

By all means you should take your woman friend to the leather bar. You should be prepared for some harassment, though; but in most cases, a woman who is well behaved will have no problem. In fact, it's been my experience that many of those hot hunks in those leather bars are relieved to see a friendly, out-going woman exploring their bar because it gives them a chance to drop their carefully calculated poses and to show how animated they can really be when talking to someone who isn't going to ask them if they're top or bottom. And, by the way, surely a studded, black leather cockring is within your meager budget.

SAN DIEGO

The Gay and Lesbian Press Association (GLPA) recently announced some of the more than thirty judges involved with its Fifth Annual "Outstanding Achievement Awards" in gay journalism for 1986.

The awards ceremony will be held during the GLPA National Convention in San Diego, CA May 22-25, 1987. Any individual or publication qualifying for membership in GLPA may enter the competition. Entrance fees are lower for members, however.

For more information, please write: GLPA Awards, PO Box 8185, Universal City, CA 91608-0185.

ATTITUDES TOWARD GAY PEOPLE UNCHANGED!

A new Gallup survey indicates that attitudes toward gay people remain unchanged. There is no evidence of greater intolerance of gay women and men and gay lifestyles during the last year and a half.

In the latest poll, 33% favor and 55% oppose the legalization of homosexual relations. This is nearly identical to the results of a Gallup poll taken in the fall of 1986.

MORE SLOAN

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However, things started going downhill for the Bakkers last February when Tammy Faye secretly checked into the Betty Ford Center due to drug addiction. Some say she was addicted to valium, histamines, and Mabeline.

Then, on March 19, Jim Bakker dropped his bombshell by announcing his resignation as head of PTL and his ordination as a minister in the Assemblies of God and that he had asked my former Baptist Bible College schoolmate, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, to become the Chairman of PTL.

Falwell's appointment as Head of PTL was quite a surprise considering some of the things that Falwell has said about Pentacostals. The usual Baptist position about Pentacostals is the Pentacostals are of the devil. At. B.B.C. where Jerry and I received our theological training, if you became a Pentacostal they would ask you to send your diploma back. Of course they also did that if they found out you were gay; ask me if I sent mine back!

Bakker admitted to having committed adultry in 1980 when he and Tammy Faye were separated, and to paying blackmail to keep it quiet.

At this point our soap opera begins to have so many characters in it you can't tell who's who without a program.

In 1980 Bakker apparently had a sexual liaison with a young woman by the name of Jessica Hahn in a Florida motel room. He did this while he and Tammy Faye were separated. He did it because he loved Tammy so much he wanted to make her jealous so she would come running back to him.

Mrs. Hahn was flown to Florida by Bakker's good friend, the Rev. John Westley Fletcher. She used to be a baby sitter for Fletcher's children.

Later, around 1985, Ms. Hahn was feeling guilty about the affair. She talked to an advisor named Jim Roper and some attorneys who talked to PTL attorneys. A $265,000 settlement was worked out to keep the case out of court.

Jim Roper sat on the Board of Directors of Melodyland, a huge Pentacostal church located across the street from Disneyland in Anahiem, CA; it conducts a very active anti-gay ministry called Exodus. Mr. Roper is now under investigation by the FBI for his part in the $100,000,000 rape of the Queen City Savings and Loan in Seattle.

Well, it seems a TV preacher named John Ankerberg got ahold of the story of Jim Bakker's indiscretion. He wanted to get a group of preachers together, including Jimmy Swaggart and Jerry Falwell, to sign a letter and send it to Bakker and force him out of PTL.

On the CBS Late Night News, Swaggart said at first he agreed to sign the letter

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but he didn't think Falwell would sign it. However, he urged Ankerberg to circulate it and see what would happen.

According to my sources in Lynchberg, VA (where Falwell's headquarters is located), about a week before Bakker resigned, Falwell sent three of his assistants, along with an unsigned copy of the Ankerberg letter, to meet with the Rev. Richard Dortch, Bakker's chief assistant and the man who helped arrange the Jessica Hahn settlement. It would appear that Falwell jumped the gun on Swaggart and Ankerberg. What was Falwell to gain by such an action?

First of all, for several years Falwell has wanted a TV satellite system, but he couldn't afford it. PTL has one. Falwell now has access to it (money). Second, he now has access to the 500,000 name PTL mailing list (money). Third, Falwell has been made to look like a knight in shining armor. With all the bad publicity he has had in recent years (and I am proud to say I have had a major part in that), he needs the image of a peacemaker and diplomat. Fourth, if PTL folded, it would have a major effect on all the TV ministries.

Remember, each of the top TV ministries must consume millions of dollars each week to stay alive. Each has its own little empire and bureaucracy. Each employs around 2000 people and operates some kind of college and various homes for unwed mothers, alcoholics, and ex-gays. Any drop in funding caused by the failure of the PTL would be disastrous for all of them.

Falwell, including himself, now has four votes on the 7-member board of PTL. It will be interesting to see what he does in the future.

It has just been announced that Jim and Tammy have received over $4 million in salary and bonuses from PTL since January 1984. That will buy a lot of Mabeline! Of course, Jim has always said that diamonds are for Christians too. And he probably didn't have such a hard time paying for Tammy's full-length mink coast as he claimed he did.

It is going to be interesting to see how the Gospelgate Soap Opera develops. Will Jim and Tammy stay together? Will they return to PTL? Will their daughter (Tammy Sue) grow up to be a punk rock dyke? Will Oral Roberts come down from the prayer tower, or will he have to stay up there for the rest of his life to continue to raise $8 million each year? Will Jerry Falwell continue to be a knight in shining armor, or will his true scheme be revealed? Will Jessica Hahn be able to live on her assets, or will she have to seek new ways to support herself? Will she pose for Penthouse? Will Jim Roper and friends find new and comfortable living arrangements in Levinworth? Where is John Westley Fletcher? Is he preaching or pandering? Is he looking for a new baby sitter? What about the lawsuit filed in New Orleans against Oral Roberts asking him to give back the $8 million? If he has to return it, how will God handle that? Will She be pissed? Will the lawsuit filed against Jimmy Swaggart cost him $90 million? If so, will he have to sell one of his six radio stations or four TV stations?

Given the mentality of the average fundamentalist preacher, who once attacked will fight til death, they cannot let go. Blood will flow. They will go for the jugular, reasoning: If you are not for me, you are against me.

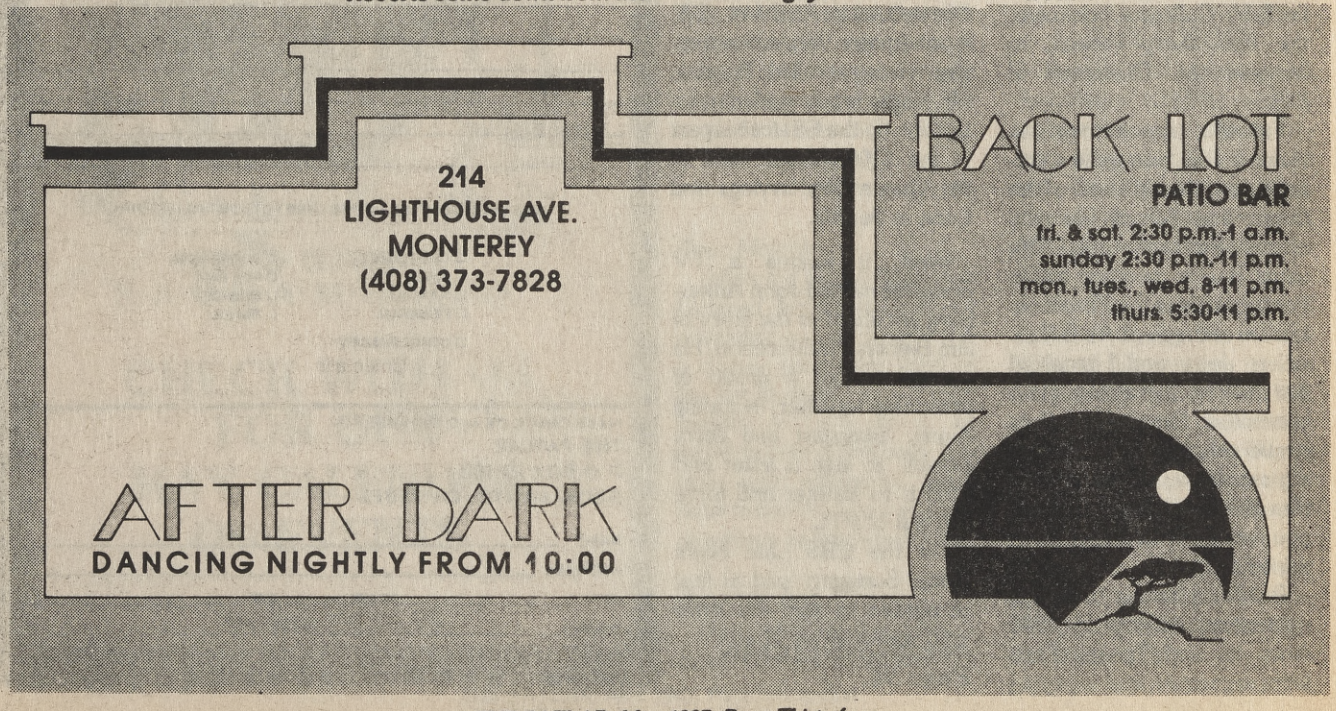
As long as the fundies are busy fighting among themselves, they don't have time to attack us gays.

FLASH! (I told you this was a fast-breaking story!) Tammy Sue, who is 17 years old, has married a 24-year-old lifeguard from the Water Slide at Heritage Village. I stick to my question above.

FLASH! On April 24, the Rev. John Ankerberg went on the Larry King Show and Nightline accusing top PTL officials of wife swapping and other immorality dating from as far back as 1987. Ankerberg accused Jim Bakker of using prostitutes on a regular basis and committing homosexual acts. Oh well. If you can't find a prostitute, find a substitute!

If Bakker engaged in any homosexual acts, which he has denied, I hope it was with the cute blond guy in the singing group. You know, the one with the limp microphone.

These charges of homosexuality remind me of the charges levied in the 1970s against American crusader, the Rev. Billy James Hargis, who was accused of having sex with both male and female students at his college in Tulsa. Hargis tried to blame his homosexuality on bad genes and chromosomes. I always say that if you keep your chromosomes in your own jeans, you won't get into trouble!



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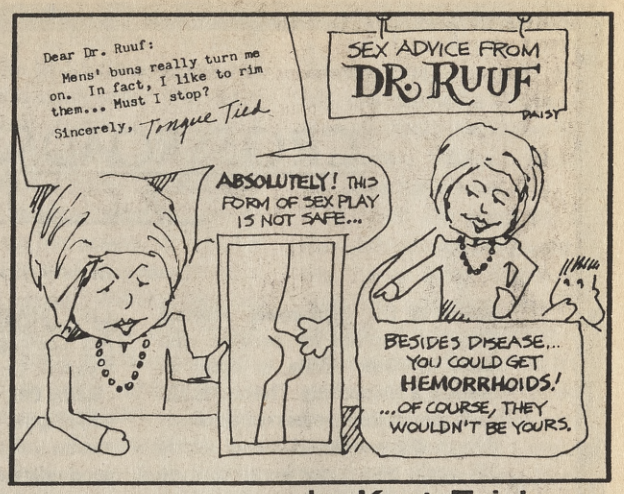
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by Kurt Erichsen

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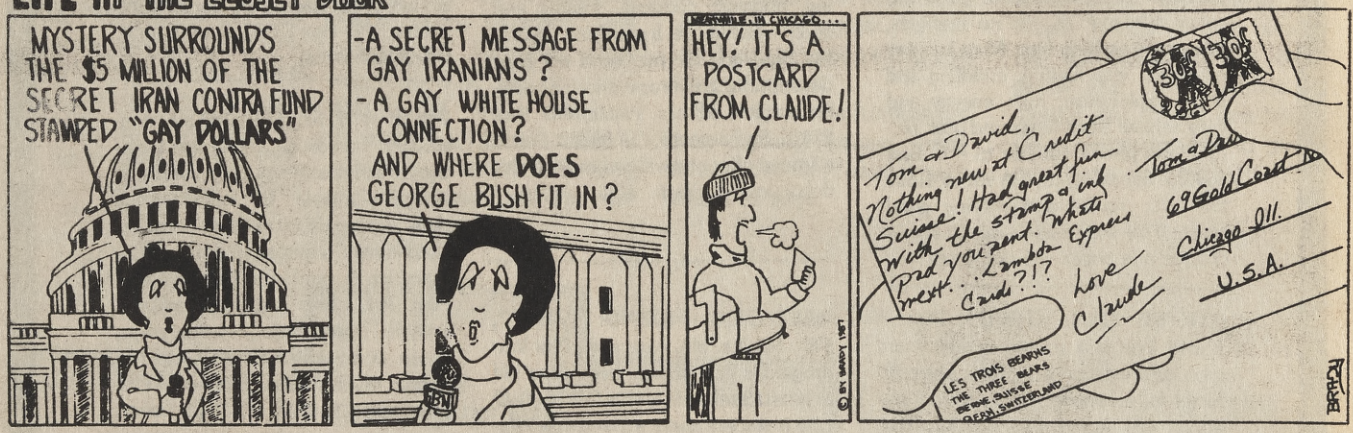
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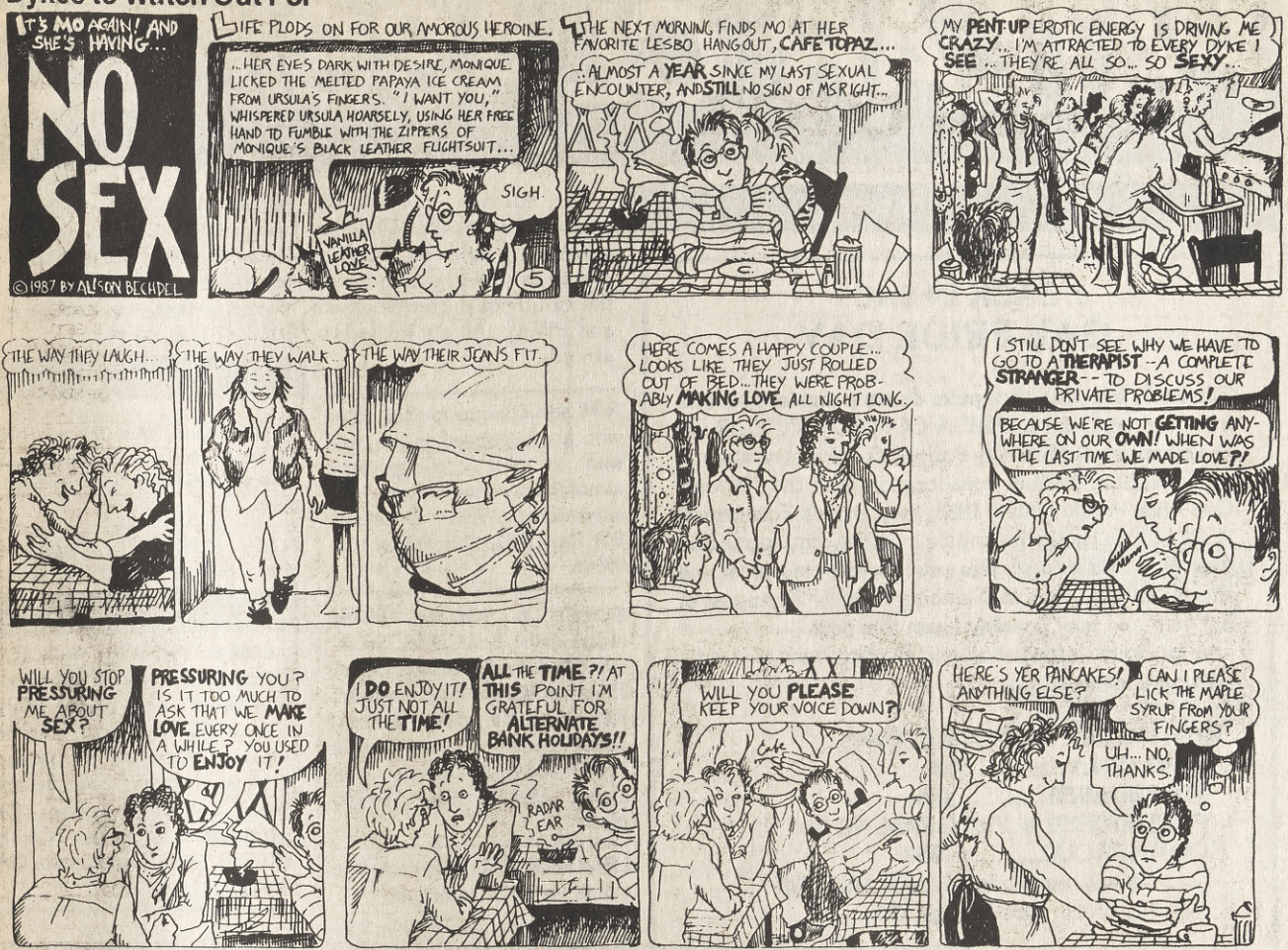
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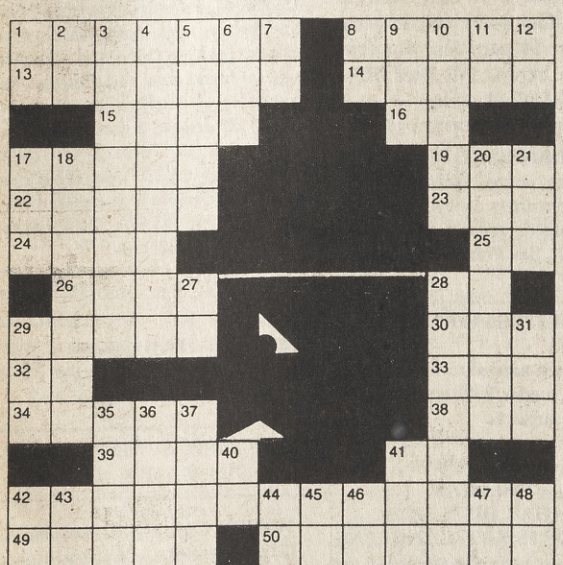
THE NEXT MORNING, FINDS MO AT HER FAVORITE LESBO HANGOUT, CAFE TOPAZ...
...ALMOST A YEAR SINCE MY LAST SEXUAL ENCOUNTER, AND STILL NO SIGN OF MS RIGHT...
MY PENT UP EROTIC ENERGY IS DRIVING ME CRAZY... I'M ATTRACTED TO EVERY DYKE I SEE... THEY'RE ALL SO... SO SEXY...
THE WAY THEY LAUGH...
THE WAY THEY WALK...
THE WAY THEIR JEANS FIT.
HERE COMES A HAPPY COUPLE... LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST ROLLED OUT OF BED... THEY WERE PROBABLY MAKING LOVE ALL NIGHT LONG...
I STILL DON'T SEE WHY WE HAVE TO GO TO A THERAPIST -- A COMPLETE STRANGER -- TO DISCUSS OUR PRIVATE PROBLEMS!
BECAUSE WE'RE NOT GETTING ANYWHERE ON OUR OWN! WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME WE MADE LOVE?!
WILL YOU STOP PRESSURING ME ABOUT SEX?
PRESSURING YOU? IS IT TOO MUCH TO ASK THAT WE MAKE LOVE EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE? YOU USED TO ENJOY IT!
I DO ENJOY IT! JUST NOT ALL THE TIME!
ALL THE TIME?! AT THIS POINT I'M GRATEFUL FOR ALTERNATE BANK HOLIDAYS!!
RADAR EAR
WILL YOU PLEASE KEEP YOUR VOICE DOWN?
HERE'S YER PANCAKES! ANYTHING ELSE?
CAN I PLEASE LICK THE MAPLE SYRUP FROM YOUR FINGERS?
UH... NO, THANKS.

"NOSEY PINOCCHIO"



ACROSS

1. His father
8. Snoop type
13. Examiner
14. Read
15. Mouth feature
16. Smelly exclamation
17. Taste
19. Loot
22. Ovations or social diseases
23. Health resort
24. Loathe
25. Remitted (abbr.)
26. Lillie & Arthur
28. Thus
29. Doesn't possess
30. Between FDR & DDE
32. Morning
33. Vintage auto
34. Fibs
38. Response at wedding (2 wds.)
39. Hitler's alliance
41. Article
42. His conscience (2 wds.)
49. Brave deed
50. Hates

DOWN

1. Doc for all
2. Shocking degree
3. Genital term
4. Continental
5. Former rulers
6. Ball holders
7. Conjunction
8. Western zip
9. Alley guy
10. Insults
11. Apiece (abbr.)
12. Vintage (abbr.)
17. Academy (abbr.)
18. Country band
20. Went against
21. Evil
27. Road (abbr.)
28. Psychiatrists
29. Chapeau
31. Also
35. Flees (sl.)
36. Way out
37. Math term
40. N.E. zip
41. Top flyer
42. Army rank
44. Bank term (init.)
45. About (abbr.)
46. Pronoun
47. Alien star
48. Writer Eliot's inits.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BACK IN SAC
GAY PRIDE DAY

Returning this year by popular demand and less government red tape, the LAMBDA COMMUNITY FAIR will again happen at McKinley Park (E & Alhambra streets) on June 20th, 1987 in collaboration with the National Gay Pride Week. Unlike 1986, the Lambda Foundation *WAS* able to secure insurance to satisfy city forms and their own tails as well, this year. Some may recall the efforts of Faces to hold 'Rainbow Festival' in August of last year and may possibly again this year.

As for Booth Information and Registration, here are some spec.s:

NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS
INFO ONLY.....$15
FUNDRAISER.....$35
FUNDRAISER & PROGRAM AD $65
COMMERCIAL.....$50
Booth registration expires May 18th
Late Charge $20

Registration forms available at the Lambda Community Center. Further info, including program ad rates, may be obtained by calling the L.C.C. at 442-0185. We hope EVERYONE can join this 'Celebration of Our Community'.

BI-SEXUAL GROUP FORMING. Open to singles, couples, threesomes. Purpose: to provide a positive wholesome environment for: (1) social get-togethers (adult); (2) family outings (incl. the little ones); (3) rap groups; and (4) possibly eventually politicking. Geared toward matching up "quadras" (ie, 4-member closed relationships of 2 men and 2 women), preferably who (plan to) have children. Please write: BFS c/o Cliff, PO Box 254450, Sacramento, CA 95865. Inc. your name, best way to contact, and best day/time for you to participate in a meeting. (75AS)

GOOD LUCK & Smooth Sailing to Phylis & Cindy of "River City Nutrition" on their location move...clear across the street! (75AS)

GARAGE SALE. The Community of St. Elizabeth & Francis, an interdenominational community that serves the terminally ill,especially PWA, will be holding a garage sale. The money raised will go for the purchase of hospital beds, which will be loaned free of charge tp anyone in the Sacramento area. The sale will be held in a parking lot of St. Philomene's church, El Camino & Bell, on Saturday May 23rd from 8:30-4:30 pm. Individuals or groups may purchase spaces for $5 & are asked to donate at least 10% of their sales.

Most terminally ill patients are unable to rent or purchase beds since the average cost of a bed is $1,500. For further information please call (916) 428-3405. The community holds its monthly prayer on the first Sunday of the month for the terminally ill and PWA's. All are invited to attend.

S/M social group forming. Men who are interested in s/m and want to meet in a supportive atmosphere should write for information. Write: Occupant, PO Box 1821, Carmichael, CA 95608.

SOBER & SOCIAL, Friday nights at the The Center. Sacramento's Gay & Lesbian Coffee House in the heart of midtown. Refreshments, conversation, games. Everyone welcome. 8:30 PM to midnight. Lambda Community Center, 1931 I Street. (74AT)

LEATHER & LACE Women's motorcyle club schedule:

Coming in May: 5/3-Meeting; 5/9-Bar Hop; 5/17-Moaning Cavern Run; 5/31-Wine Country Run. (74AT)

JOBS

NEED HELP this summer to remodel farm house, Central Nevada. Get that ideal tan while you earn $4 per hour plus free room & board. PO Box 5134, Reno, NV 89513. (75JS)

SAN FRANCISCO photographer needs hot, young, hung models for nude photo shots. Write with discription, photo & phone to M.A.C., PO Box 77531, San Francisco, CA 94107. (8-2JB)

WRITERS WANTED

Persons are needed to write monthly columns (under 850) words) on the following subjects:

•PLANTS
•HEALTH
•GAY HISTORY
•SENIOR ISSUES/CONCERNS

Also, persons to write articles on various subjects of general interest are sought. If interested write PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

HELP WANTED, facialist, manicurist & hair stylist wanted. Coffee & wine. Sebastian supplies. Full time receptionist. Commission or rent. Ask for Edwin, (916) 447-1755. (75HP)

MASSAGE

NURTURING TOUCH, intuitive non-sexual massage in Davis. Call Norv Giles evenings (916) 756-8120. (78ME)

BODY RUB, ETC., reasonable rates. Call Greg (916) 443-4173. (73ME)

PERSONAL

MAGIC MAKER, sks. slim Asian/Hispanic in full time position. Serious only—fidelity, safety a must. All considered, but one chosen. Auditions scheduled after your letter/resume. Secure future awaits. My phone for yours. Write to Patlar, PL-131, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (7CS-IND)

MAN-TO-MAN SEX-LINK: Feeling horny? 1000's of horny guys are hot to get off on the 24-Hour Sex-Link! Private, one-on-one, unlimited time. No phone bill except long distance. Call (415) 346-8747. (75PL)

GWM, 41, 6'3"—160 lbs., brown hair and brown eyes. Very health conscious. Seeking Oriental or Spanish GM for friend, date and possible one-to-one lover relationship. Must be health conscious, honest, dependable. No drugs. Tobacco OK. Slim smooth body. 25-35. Reply with phone number and photo (if possible) to PL-129, PATLAR, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (79PL)

GWM, 30, thin, smooth, seeks masculine top, or versatile for kissing & making love. Prefer hairy & stable. Call David (916) 929-7349. (76PL)

TOP MAN or master wanted. Earl (916) 443-4173. (75PL)

WHERE ARE YOU? Man who has his act together, attractive, with sense of humor, traditional values, and good health is looking for you. Interests include movies, eating out, and occasional weekend excursions. Write PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

GWM 27, 5'11", 155 lbs. moving to Sacto. in May. I'm straight appearing, educated, adventurous, fitness oriented and not into the bar scene. Would like to meet guys 24-30 who are straight acting, not into heavy drugs or overweight. Write to Patlar PL-132, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (76PL)

WANTED: TOP MAN or master. Call Earl (916) 443-4171. (74PL)

A LOT OF TOPPING is wanted by this bottom, but neither smoking nor drinking. Write BRAD (Dept. Z), PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

NEED A GOOD FRIEND? Me, too. GWM 5'10" 165#, early 40s. I'm caring, sincere, loving, educated, very attractive, friendly, straight acting and appearing. Like theatre, movies, music, outdoors, interesting people and places. Seek fun guy 25 plus with similar interests for friendship and? Send description and phone to Mike, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

ENTHUSIASTIC, donkey-man needed to fill me up. Appearance is not so important as stamina. Write John Paul, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

SENSITIVE sensualist. Fiesty, and sometimes fragile. Experienced explorer of life's absurdities. Are you ready to touch and snuggle? Does your wit, warmth, and intellect exceed your shoe size? This attractive, prof., GWM seeks that special man who is not afraid to answer this ad. Write c/o Patlar Ad No. 1-01, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

LITTLE BY LITTLE, step by step, looking for my favorite man. I may not be Mr. Right; you may not be Mr. Perfect. Let's compromise. Write Sam, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

WHITE MALE BEAR likes walking in woods, bear hugs, and mutual osculation. Seek frolicsome, frisky male. Equal opportunity lover. Write Tony,

POPSICLE TOES and warm heart wants someone to cuddle with on these cold nights. WM early 40s looking for that special man who appreciates the fact that there is more of me to love. Write Patlar Ad 3-05, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

W/M, nice to look at and even nicer to hold, in the tender mid-40s. Trim, 165 lbs, 5'10", romantic, sensitive and affectionate. Seek that special man. Objective: romance and keeping warm. Write Dept. A, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

ATTENTION: Sacramento men! It's time to put down your scrabble boards, turn off your TVs and admit it—you need a man to play with. Pick up your Bic, flex your fingers, and let the good ink flow. It's that time of the year! Write Patlar Ad 05-1, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

GAY MEXICAN MALE, 25, attractive, friendly, 5'11", 185 lbs., mustache, well endowed, enjoys movies, music, and relaxing evenings at home. New to gay scene. Straight acting and appearance. Wants to meet same (age not important). Write Raul, PO Box 221541, Sacramento, CA 95822. (75PL)

WHITE MALE wants to meet hispanic or other men with dark coloring. Must be masculine. Write Dan (Dept. M), PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822.

GWM 32, looking for big brother, daddy to service and more. Send detailed letter to J. Davis, 473 24th St. #2, Oakland, CA 94612. (78PL)

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TWO LEATHER/LEVI DADS, early 30s seek a daddy's boy to dominate, and eager to serve. Submit detailed letter, photo & phone. John D., 473 24th St. #2, Oakland, CA 94612. (78PL)

HONG KONG, Seoul, Hawaii, GWM 52 leaving about Oct 1, wants loving companion. Air fare/hotel provided. If you can furnish something, no drugs or drunks, can obtain passport, write Gary, PO Box 1158, Citrus Heights, CA 95611. It will be fantastic. (710PL)

GAY INTRODUCTION SERVICE

If the idea of an arranged date intrigues you, give Man-To-Man a call. It is the only gay oriented dating service in the Sacramento area. The service is designed to put a man in touch with another man who shares common interests, backgrounds and goals. The men must develope a friendship/relationship on their own after the introduction.

The paraticipants in Man-To-Man include gays and bisexuals of all ages with a wide diversity of interests and backgrounds. Is a dating service for you? It may be, if you are genuinely friendship and/or relationship oriented.

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GWM good looking, nice trim body, looking for someone to love and share my life with. Must be masculine, good looking, trim, muscular, and straight acting. I want a "down to earth" guy who wants a good friend and lover and who can enjoy lots of togetherness, and a simple, good life. Age or race unimportant; but honesty, sincerity, and the desire for a loving, secure relationship are. Write me a letter about yourself with your phone number. I'll call you and we can meet over dinner or whatever. Let's try it! Write Jon, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

WANT TO FORM "Dine-Out" Club. Persons interested in exotic foods, new restaurants, etc. write Dine-Out Club, c/o Patlar, PO Box 22402, Sacramento, CA 95822. (74PL)

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SHARE APARTMENT, midtown Sacramento, call Gregory (916) 443-4173. (75RS)

ROOM & BOARD, ideal for elderly person, non-smoker, drinker or drugs. Nice home, good area & meals. Call Larry (916) 452-0769.

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SHARE BEDROOM APT, 13 & G Streets, Sacramento, non-smoker 18-40. $250 mo. (916) 443-1231. (74RS)

RENTALS FOR ELDERLY available, Sacramento area. SSI or welfare welcome, our home is your home (916) 452-0769.

RENTALS available for elderly or handicapped persons in Carmichael area. Room, board & care. Call (916) 944-0660 or 967-6917.

FOR SALE

WOOD MOLDING all kinds, exceptional prices. Call Ray (916) 721-3228. (77SE)

SERVICES

GAY GUIDES: For free details of accurate gay guides to Amsterdam, Great Britain, Paris, Germany and Europe, write to BEST GUIDE Publications, Department 121 Postbox 12731, Postcode NL-1100 AS Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

GAY MEN, meet through mail. Free details: MAIL CONNECTIONS, P.O. Box 254480-505, Sacramento, CA 95825. (74PL)

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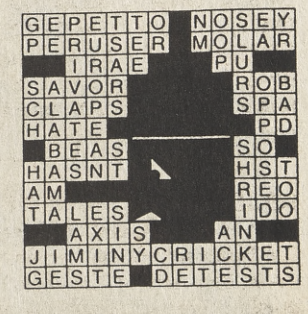

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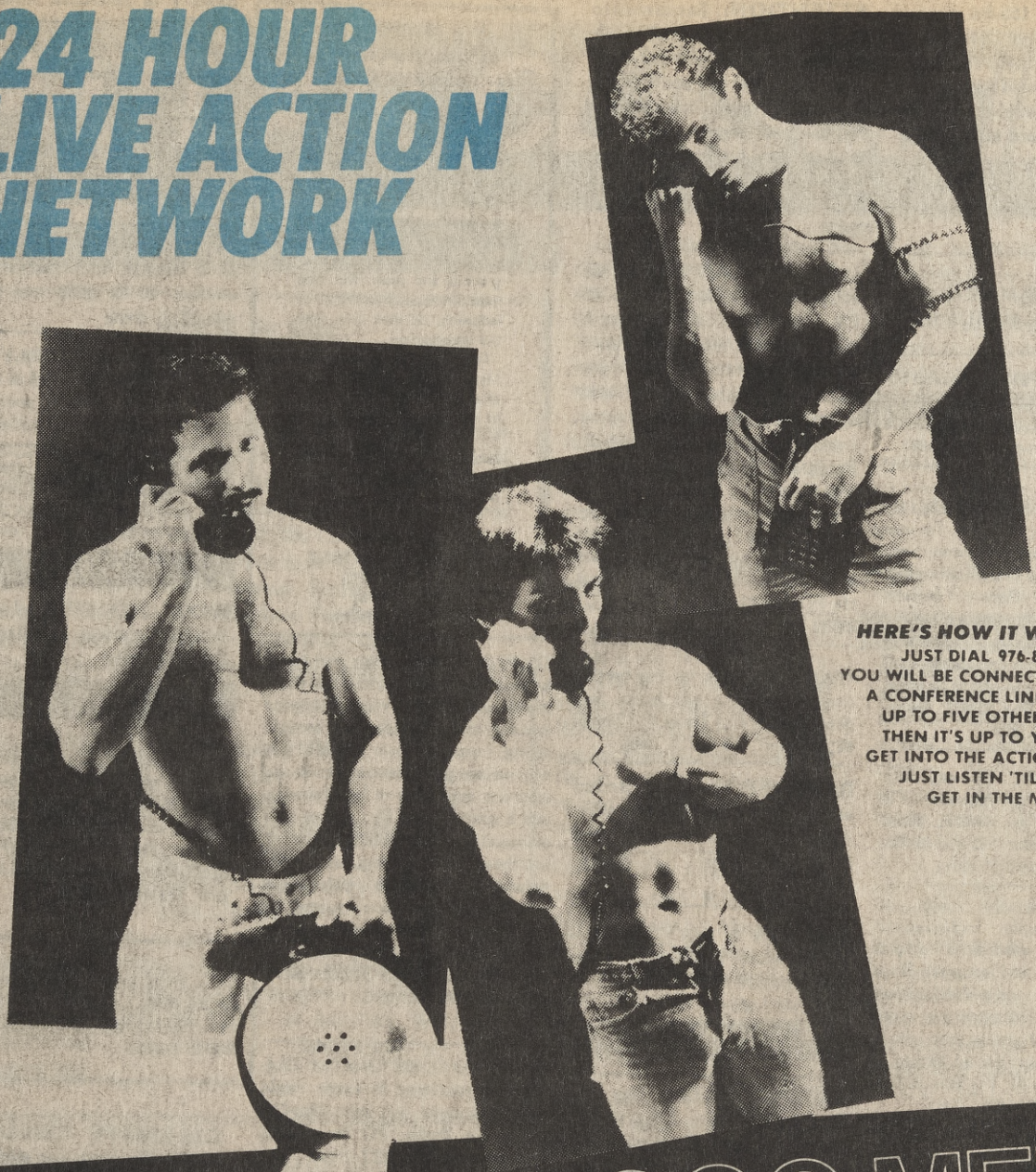

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